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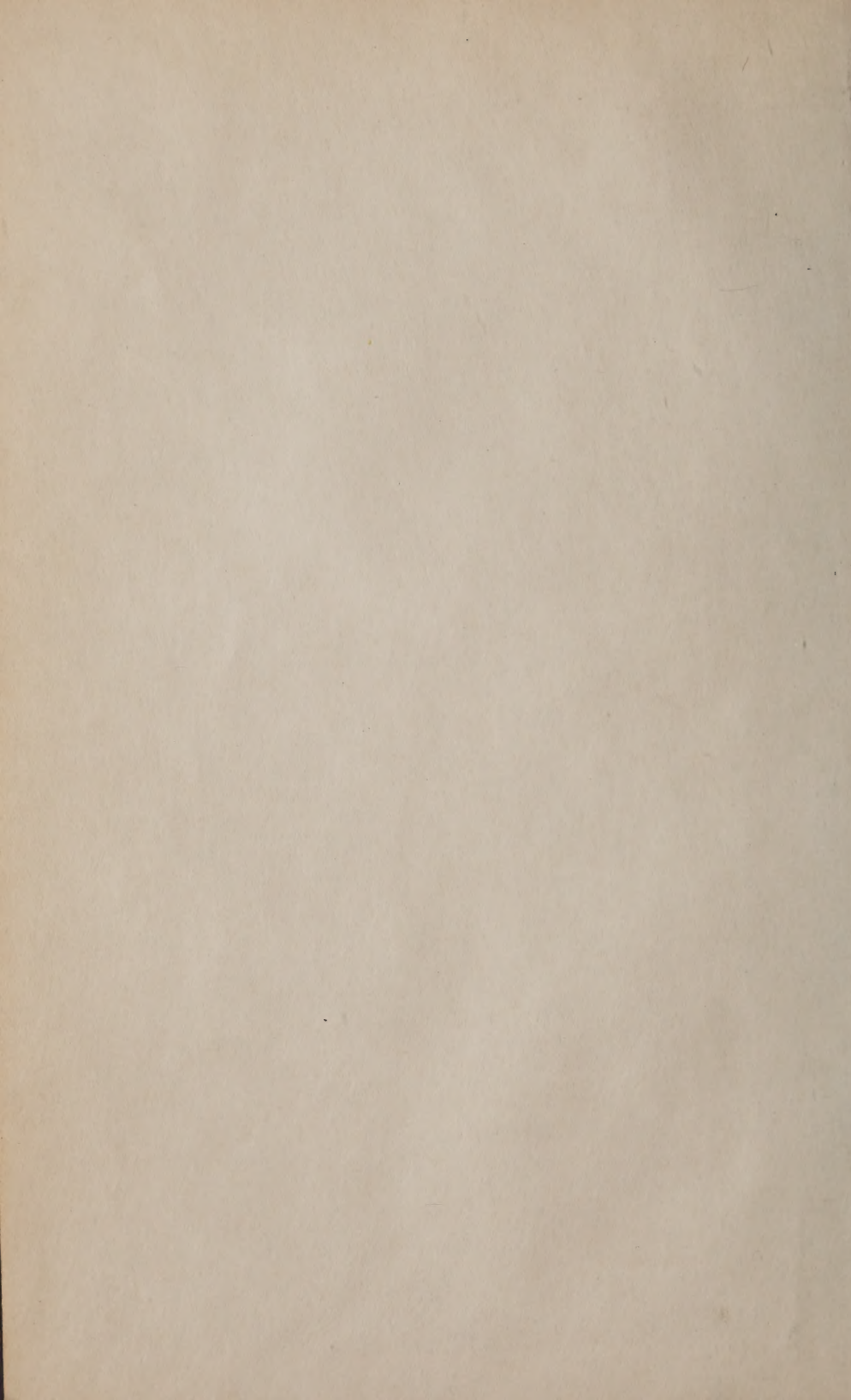
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# **Town of Needham**

**0 ANNUAL REPORT**



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In Council

In the Affaire of the Inhabitants of Dedham living on the North side of Charles River, by their Petition humbly Praying to be made a Township, by reason of their great Distance from the place of the Public Worship of God in Dedham.

The Petitioners and the Agents appointed by Dedham having been fully heard before this Court. Ordered That the Prayer of the Petition be Granted, And that the Land

within the Township of Dedham Lying on the North side of Charles River, Circumscribed bounded with Charles River, Watertown Line and Natick Line, Excepting only the Island commonly called the Great Island, be made a distinct and separate

Town by the name of Dedham And that all the present Inhabitants upon the said Tract of Land; with such others as shall hereafter Inhabit and dwell there, have use exercise and Enjoy the communities powers and priviledges by Law Granted to the Inhabitants of other Towns Provided they do procure settle and honorably support a Learned Orthodox Minister of good conversation to reside with them.

Sent down for Concurrences

Isaac Addington Sectry

In the House of Representatives  
Nov: 6: 1711. Read, & Concurred

Dedham Farmers  
Petition, &  
Oct: 1711.

John Burrill Speaker

### Dedham Farmers Petition to be a Township May 1710

Nov. 1711

In Council

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Ordered that the Prayer of the Petition be Granted, And that this Land now within the Township of Dedham Lying on the North side of Charles River circumscribed and bounded with Charles River, Watertown Line and Natick Line excepting only the Island commonly called the Great Island, be made a Distinct and Separate Town by the name of Needham and that all the present Inhabitants upon the said Tract of Land; with such others as shall hereafter Inhabit and dwell therein, have use exercise and Enjoy the communities powers and priviledges by Law Granted to the Inhabitants of other Towns Provided they do procure Settle and honorably support a Learned Orthodox Minister of good conversation to reside with them.

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# Town of Needham

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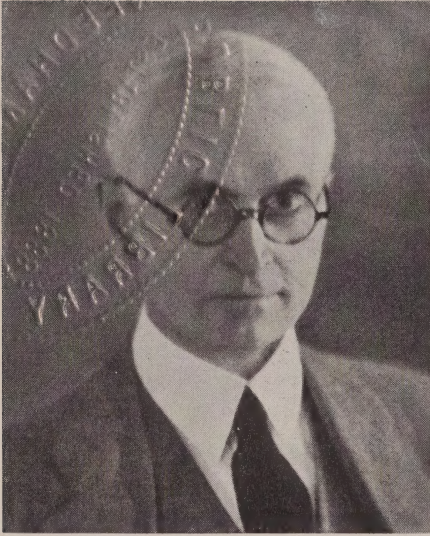


## 1950 ANNUAL REPORT

*Under direction of your Board of Selectmen  
a Town Report Committee has endeavored to present  
in readable form, the essential facts with regard  
to the activities of your Town Government  
during the year 1950*

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## RESOLUTION



WHEREAS: in the death of DR. WILLIAM MITCHELL, a practising physician in the Town of Needham for more than half a century; devoted to the welfare of the Town and all of its inhabitants, without distinction of their condition, race, or creed; this community has lost one of its leading and best loved citizens; and

WHEREAS: DR. MITCHELL was respected and admired by all with whom he came in contact for his learning, professional skill, courtesy, sympathy, and abounding kindness, through which he contributed to three generations, restoration of health, and comfort of body and mind, thereby exemplifying the highest traditions of his honored profession; and

WHEREAS; he brought in many ways to the service of this Town the same learning, wisdom, and resourcefulness which so endeared him to its individual inhabitants; serving as a faithful Member of this Town Meeting continuously since its inception, and giving unstinted support to its Glover Hospital from the beginning of its development; and

WHEREAS; this beloved citizen and physician, as husband, father, neighbor, friend, and public servant, exemplified the highest ideals of American citizenship; be it therefore

RESOLVED; That the Town of Needham, through Town Meeting assembled hereby expresses its appreciation of, and its grief at the loss of this distinguished member of the community, and extends to his widow and daughter its deepest sympathy; and directs that this Resolution be incorporated in the official records of this meeting, to be included together with a picture of Dr. Mitchell, in the next published Annual Town Report. . . . .

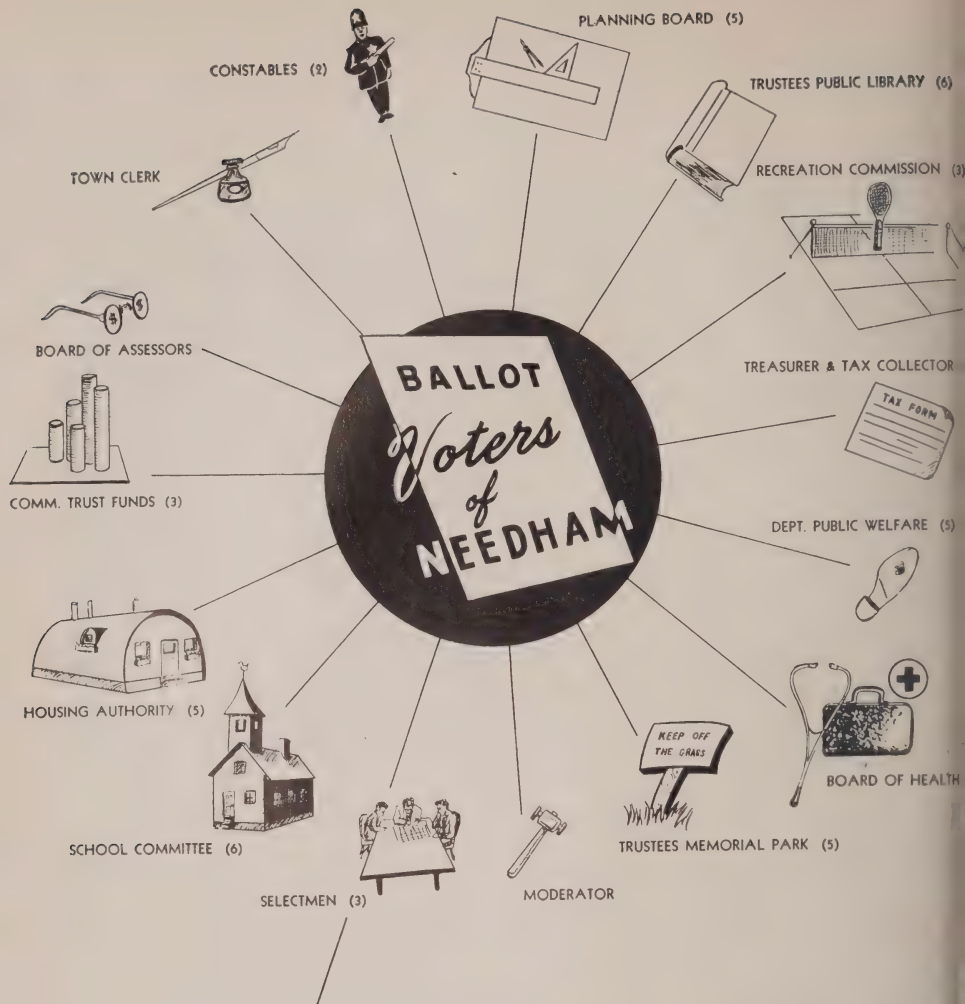
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MEETING—MARCH 23, 1949

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#### APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN

Accountant  
Agent—Veteran Aid  
Building Inspector  
Burial Agent  
Contributory Retirement Board  
Deputy Custodian Public Bldgs.  
Dog Officer  
Fire Chief  
Forest Warden  
Deputy Forest Wardens  
Inspector Animals and Slaughter  
Keeper of Lockup  
Petroleum Inspector  
Police Chief  
Police Officers  
Registrars of Voters  
Sand and Gravel Inspector  
Sealer of Weights and Measures  
Superintendent of Engineering  
Superintendent Fire Alarm  
Supt. Forestry and Moth Control  
Superintendent Public Works  
Superintendent Water and Sewer  
Asst. Supt. Water and Sewer  
Town Counsel  
Truant Officer  
Trustees of Hospital  
Wiring Inspector  
Deputy Tree Warden

#### APPOINTED BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Athletic Coaches  
Custodians of School Bldgs.  
Dietitian and Cafeteria Staff  
General Control Staff  
Principals, Teachers, Supervisors  
and Special Instructors  
School Nurse  
School Physicians  
Superintendent of Schools  
Superintendent of School Bldgs.

#### APPOINTED BY BOARD OF HEALTH

Health Officer  
Inspector of Cesspools  
Public Health Nurse  
Sanitary Inspector

#### APPOINTED BY MODERATOR

Finance Committee  
Various Committees by  
vote Town Meeting

#### ELECTED BY TOWN MEETING

Measurers Wood and Bark  
Public Weighers  
Town Agents



## Of General Interest

Needham was incorporated as a Town on November 5, 1711.

**Situation:** About 10 miles southwest of Boston. Geodetic position of Town Hall: Latitude 42°-16'-51.568", Longitude 71°-14'-13.048".

**Population:** 16,262 (1950 Federal Census).

**Area:** Approximately 12.75 square miles.

**Elevation:** 85 feet above sea level at Rosemary Meadows, 180 feet at Needham Square and 300 feet in the Birds Hill section.

**Assessed Valuation:** \$36,771,000.

**Tax Rate:** \$38.00.

**Town Hall:** Built in 1902. Seating capacity of auditorium 780. Frank J. Dermody, custodian and rental agent. Phone NEedham 3-1518.

**Offices open Tuesday Evening:** Offices of Selectmen, Assessors, Town Clerk and Planning Board.

**Probate Court:** (for returning cases) Dedham: First, Third and Fifth Wednesdays, except August. Third Wednesday in August. Quincy, Second Wednesday and Fourth Monday of every month, except August. Brookline, Fourth Wednesday of every month, except August.

**Senators in Congress:** Henry Cabot Lodge and Leverett Saltonstall.

**State Senator:** Leslie B. Cutler of Needham (Second Norfolk District).

**Representative in Congress:** Richard B. Wigglesworth of Milton (Thirteenth Congressional District).

**Representatives in General Court:** Harold Putnam of Needham, Francis A. Harding of Dedham (Sixth Norfolk District).

**Member of Governor's Council:** Clayton L. Havey (Second Councillor District).

**Qualifications for Registration as Voters:** Must be 21 years of age, American born or fully naturalized, and have resided in Massachusetts one year and Needham six months. Registration Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday evenings, at the office of the Town Clerk. Special evening Sessions of Registrars held preceding elections.

**Absentee Voting:** State, National and Town Elections.

**Dog Licenses:** All dog licenses expire March 31st. A dog should be licensed when three months old. Fees: Male \$2 — Female \$5 — Spayed \$2.

**Tax Bills:** Due and payable July 1st. Interest will be added according to law from October 1st on bills unpaid after November 1st. Poll, motor excise and water bills are due thirty days from date of issuance.

**Board of Health:** Householders shall report to the Board of Health all cases of communicable diseases, unless a physician is in attendance.

## Board of Selectmen

EMERY S. DOANE, *Chairman*

GEORGE M. POND, *Vice Chairman*

EDWARD J. STEWART, *Secretary*

	Employees	Budget	Expenditures
1946	1	\$2,718.90	\$2,598.90
1947	1	3,933.55	3,927.32
1948	1	3,274.16	3,259.89
1949	1	2,875.00	2,497.30
1950	1	2,866.75	2,854.76

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The Town of Needham, one of the oldest incorporated towns in the Commonwealth, dating from 1711, has always played an important part in the development and prosperity of Massachusetts. This position of leadership came about through proper planning, good administration and honest public officials.

### TOWN REPORT COMMITTEE

Annually, the Board of Selectmen is charged with the responsibility of appointing an Annual Town Report Committee. This committee has, in past years, brought honor to the Town. In 1948, the committee produced the outstanding Report in the State. In the year 1949, we were signally honored by the New England Council which presented the Town with a Certificate of Honor for our report based on its well-balanced, interesting, statistical information. The Town is grateful to the following members of the Town Report Committee for 1950:

Herbert M. Johnson, *Chairman*; H. E. Pierce, E. W. Y. Dunn, Allan M. Cate, Rodney Harris, Jr., George B. Krech, Lewis G. Eaton, Kenneth W. Webb, Raymond C. Pardy; Richard B. Sanders, *ex-officio*; Emery S. Doane, for Board of Selectmen.

### PRECINCT VOTING

For several years it has been very apparent to both officials and citizens that the rapid increase in the number of voters would soon make it necessary for the Selectmen to inaugurate the Precinct Voting System.

With the full cooperation of Town Clerk Marian S. Peterson and Town Engineer Frank L. Cheney, the Town was divided into six precincts. Our first test under this new system took place at the September Primaries, with practically no confusion. The new polling places were as follows:



Precinct 1—Junior High School, with 1514 registered voters.

Precinct 2—Harris School, with 1520 registered voters.

Precinct 3—Junior High School, with 1578 registered voters.

Precinct 4—Congregational Church, with 1569 registered voters.

Precinct 5—William Carter School, with 1526 registered voters.

Precinct 6—William Carter School, with 1578 registered voters.

## **CIVIL DEFENSE**

In June, the world suddenly realized that the Communistic-led North Koreans might precipitate an eventual World War crisis. The Selectmen immediately met the challenge of protecting our citizens by studying our local problem and appointed former Selectman Ralph H. Gray as Director of Civil Defense. A questionnaire was promptly sent to every residence in the town asking for volunteers covering many phases of the defense problem. The response was outstanding.

Key men were selected for each division and temporary headquarters with a part-time secretary was established at the Police Station. On October 12th a practice incident sponsored by our own Defense Personnel was successfully held in Framingham with about 100 vehicles and 300 personnel taking part. Plans for the future have proceeded with dispatch and efficiency.

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

This department has been taxed to the limit during the year because of the very rapid expansion of the Town. Nearly six miles of sewer and water pipes have been laid. The demand for new highways, sidewalks and improvements has been staggering, yet the necessary services have not been seriously impaired. One of the outstanding achievements during the year was the replacement of the 60-year old 600,000 gallon standpipe on Ryan's Hill with a new 1,500,000 gallon tank.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Because this Town Report features the Police Department, we shall give them full opportunity to report their fiscal activities.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

It becomes apparent that with the rapid increase in residences and commercial establishments, more equipment and personnel is necessary. It is essential that, this year, the Heights station be provided with a new fire engine and additional men.

The fire losses this past year have been nominal except the partial burning of the Dwight School with a loss which was well covered with insurance.

### **GLOVER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

This new hospital, which has been in service now for a full year, is recognized as an efficient, well-staffed institution offering the finest of facilities and medical care.

The slow but steady increase in patient admittances proves the contention that this new hospital was needed and that it may eventually be practically self-supporting.

### **NEEDHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY**

It has been said that our recently opened Veterans' Housing Development is one of the most attractively arranged units in the Greater Boston area. Eighty veterans' families are enjoying wholesome, beautiful surroundings and will make for us good citizens in the years to come.

The abandonment of the temporary Norris Farm Housing Project has been deferred because of the impending world crisis and the possible need for these homes.

### **INSPECTION**

Because of the increased demands due to an unprecedented surge for new construction, it became necessary to place the Building Inspector on a full time basis. There were 354 new building permits granted during 1950.

### **LEGAL**

Town Counsel has processed more than the usual number of cases and has rendered the usual high, efficient service to the Town.

### **PARKING METERS**

At the last Annual Town Meeting, it was voted that the Selectmen be empowered to install parking meters in the central part of Town. In order to provide motorists with free parking conveniently close to the shopping area, the Town purchased, cleared, laid out and surfaced the Ryan property on Chestnut Street to accommodate about 80 cars. It is hoped the N.Y., N.H. & H. Railroad yard area for parking about 50 cars should be ready for use early in the spring of 1951. Alfco Dual Parking Meters were selected because only one unit and post for each two cars is required and, because of the car locations, leaves more space for entering and leaving parking space. Angle parking on Great Plain Avenue has been discontinued by State regulations with the installation of meters.

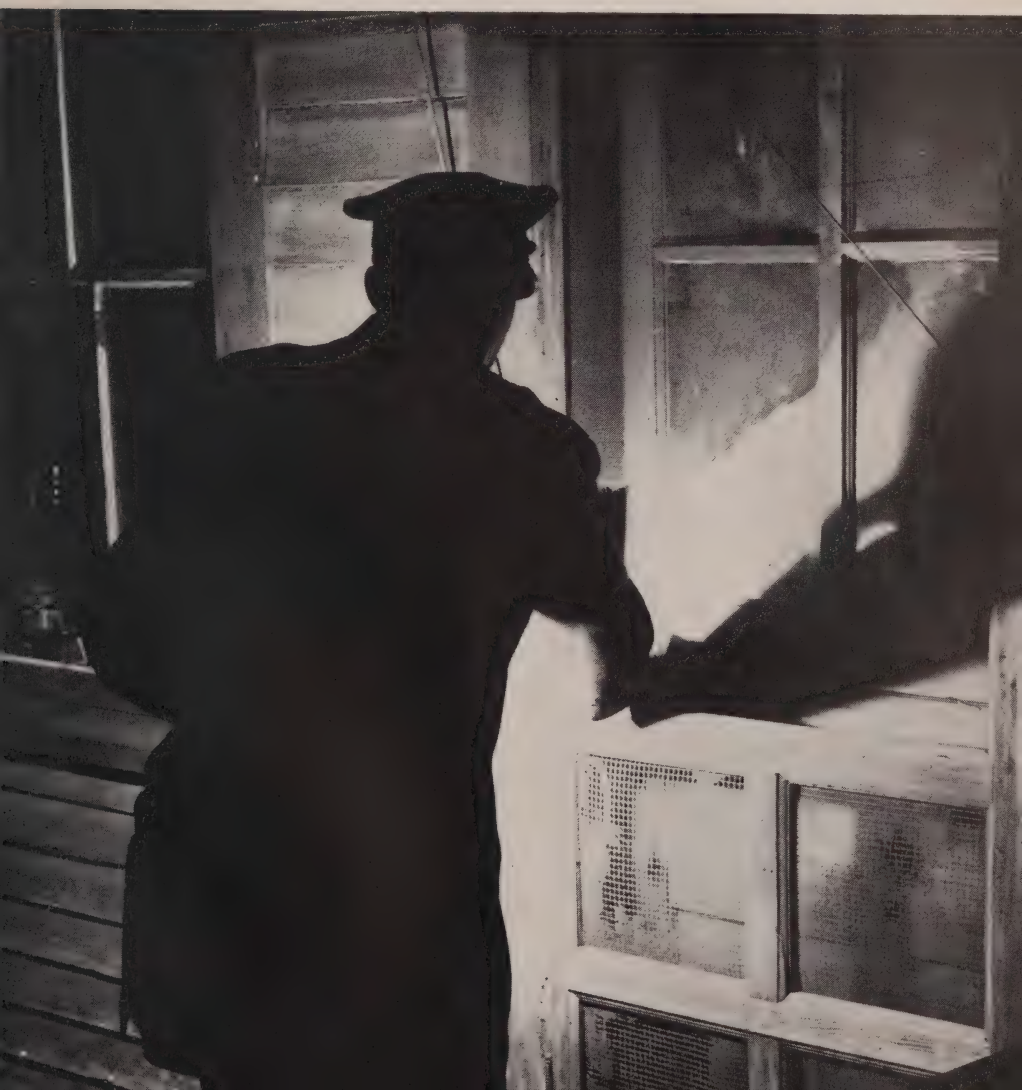


### MISCELLANEOUS

Plans have been made to establish a new sanitary type dump on Central Avenue opposite the present location some distance back from the travelled highway. Elimination of fires and unsanitary conditions will result with the inauguration of a system of supervision and complete daily covering of the waste deposited during the day.

The Selectmen wish to acknowledge with thanks another generous gift of Dr. and Mrs. Schirmer of land in the High Rock area for recreation and relaxation purposes.

**Trying doors is part of protective service.**





**Police Staff**

## Police Department

THOMAS H. WELCH, *Chief*

	Employees	Budget	Expenditures
1946	21	\$67,390.18	\$63,471.43
1947	21	75,244.20	73,110.11
1948	21	83,642.40	83,096.91
1949	21	92,581.43	90,438.49
1950	27	99,096.00	96,992.88

The Town of Needham Police Department has advanced since the 1880's from a one-man force to a personnel of twenty-five regulars, seven specials, a matron and a clerk. Its equipment has progressed from a borrowed, when necessary, horse and wagon to convey guests of the town to Court in Dedham, to today's four cars and ambulance with two-way radio, motorcycle with one-way radio, thirty-foot boat equipped with grappling irons and a teletype and signal system that are effective twenty-four hours a day.



The first police, or "night watchmen" as they were then called, worked only on the night before the Fourth of July. Later they worked a more regular schedule. Some of the early men on the force are still alive and living in Needham today. William Hewett of Greenwood Avenue maintains his position as Constable and Harry Stanton, Great Plain Terrace, now well over ninety years old, is retired. The first Chief of Police was Norman MacKenzie who held that office from October 19, 1899, until his death on July 16, 1929. Chief MacKenzie joined the force as one of the "night watchmen." After he was appointed Chief he went on day duty but he was so ridiculed by the townspeople, not used to a "day" policeman, that he reassigned himself to night duty. Arthur Bliss, later to become the second Chief, joined the force in 1921, became the first Sergeant of the Department and continued on to be appointed acting Chief on July 19, 1929, and Chief in March, 1930. By this time the equipment consisted of a Ford Phaeton for a cruiser and ten men for manpower. In 1927 the Department was put under Civil Service. Chief Bliss retired July 1, 1940. The present Chief of Police, Thomas H. Welch, who had been patrolman since June, 1930, was appointed November 15, 1940. Chief Welch is a graduate of the F. B. I. National Academy, Washington, D. C., 31st Session, 1946. He also took the Refresher Course at the Academy in September, 1949.

Over the years three loyal men have lost their lives in the line of duty: Sergeant Frank Gaughan on November 28, 1931, of a heart attack after returning from a difficult assignment; Forbes A. McLeod and Francis O. Haddock were shot and killed in the performance of their duty in connection with the armed robbery of the Needham Trust Company (now The Norfolk County Trust Company), Friday, February 2, 1934. The memory of these men will long be remembered and honored by the townspeople.

The year 1950 recorded ninety personal injury accidents in which 139 persons were injured. A Spot Map, five feet by ten feet, is maintained in the Station to show exact locations of all personal injury accidents. This map is framed by pictures of the actual accidents which have occurred in the town. Monthly reports and an annual report, tabulating details of these accidents, are sent to the National Safety Council in Chicago, Illinois. Annual Motor Vehicle and Pedestrian inventories are also filed with the Registry of Motor Vehicles in Boston. During the year 262 property damage accidents were reported. Motorists "booked" during the year numbered 1,257. Many of these cases were taken to the local Court and the usual fines levied. In addition, some motorists received notice of suspension of license of seven to ten days or longer, as merited in the judgment of the Registrar of Motor Vehicles; others received written warnings. Three hundred sixteen summonses were served for other cities and towns. Four hundred twenty-four bicycles were registered during the year to bring the total registration as of

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December 31, 1950, to 4,154. Bicycle registration, required by law, became effective May 26, 1944. Permits issued to carry and to buy revolvers came to 86. Bicycle and revolver license registrations are subject to annual audit by the State. "Vacant House" lists included 703 houses with the largest number recorded during vacation periods although there is never a time when there are no houses to be checked. All routine complaints and/or problems received, by telephone, written or in person, are recorded in the Day Book and on a Complaint Card and then cross-indexed according to type of complaint. This total for the year was 1,774 indexed as follows:

Accident (misc.)	17	Illegal Parking	9
Accosting Women	4	Indecent Assault	1
Animals Strayed or Injured	40	Indecent Exposure	3
Animals Destroying Property	6	Injured Dog	7
Assault	4	Labor Trouble	11
Assault and Battery	5	Larceny	135
Attempted Break and Enter	6	Lost Children	25
Attempted Larceny	3	Lost and Found Property	47
Auto Violations	123	Man Accosting Children	5
Ball Playing	11	Malicious Injury to Property	63
Blocked Street or Sidewalk	5	Malicious Mischief	81
Board of Health Violations	3	Missing Persons	19
Breaking and Entering	33	Miscellaneous	202
Burglar Alarms	24	Person Sick or in Distress	17
Children Playing in Street	2	Investigation for other Depts.	43
Civil Matters	22	Prowlers	49
Cruelty to Animals	1	Recovered Property	4
Damage to Property by Auto	5	Shooting	59
Dangerous Condition	15	Snow Nuisance	1
Disturbances	77	Speeding Complaints	22
Disturbing the Peace	5	Stone or Glass on Streets	16
Dog Bites	25	Street Defects	10
Dog Nuisance	67	Suspicion of Break and Enter	44
Door or Window Found Open	23	Suspicious Cars	104
Drunks	35	Suspicious Lights	23
Drunken Drivers	7	Suspicion of Larceny	9
Emergency Calls	4	Suspicious Noises	12
Evading Fare	5	Suspicious Persons	68
Family Trouble	29	Suspicious Telephone Calls	11
Fire	24	Trespassing	5
Gun Shot Wounds	3	Violation of Sunday Law	7
Hit and Run Accidents	15	Violation of Zoning Law	3
Illegal Dumping	11	Woman Accosted	1



## AMBULANCE

Regulation sick calls during the past year required the ambulance for 226 trips. Each trip necessitates a minimum of two officers and in some cases three. The average call from the time of leaving the Station to return is thirty minutes. In addition to the regulation sick calls, the ambulance responds to all emergencies, i.e., motor vehicles, industrial, school, athletic contests and household accidents.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

The Department is required to make a monthly, as well as an annual report to the F. B. I., Washington, D. C., as to crimes committed and arrests made in the Town.

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

The Commissioner of Correction requires annually a report on crime in the Town. Tabulation for 1950:

Crimes against person	9	
Crimes against property	21	
Crimes against public order	155	
Crimes against public order	2	(State Police)
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Total	187	

**Police work includes safety education.**





**Guarding Night Bank Depositor**

## **GENERAL**

The roster of the Department may sound impressive but few realize that eight men cover the day shift, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the first night shift, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m., has seven men and the last shift, 1 a.m. to 8 a.m., five men. Each man is currently entitled to one day off in six so, as they rotate, there are three or four men off each 24-hour run. The Specials are used when the regulars are out sick or on vacation and for special emergencies. The night shifts regularly try all doors and windows of public buildings as well as all places of business in the town. During five days of the week seven school crossings as of this date have to be covered four times a day. The trains at Birds Hill between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. must be covered by an officer. An officer must be in Needham and Needham Heights Squares and a Desk Man on duty in the Station at all hours of the day and night. The cruiser is manned by two men, which has been proven by experience to be more satisfactory than a cruiser with only one man. In addition to all complaints that are investigated (previously listed in detail), we are called upon to make many trips to the Blood Bank in Boston for the Glover Memorial Hospital at all hours of the day and night. We also assist the Hospital nurses in moving oxygen tanks and setting up oxygen tents. We "chair carry" invalid

or crippled people upstairs for dentist appointments and take them back to their cars afterward. We are called upon to put some very ill person back in bed when those in attendance are not physically able to do so. These many things that we are called upon to do to help people in serious need we are only too glad to do. There are a few occasions, when we have had to delay performing a duty due to lack of manpower, but we have always maintained the policy to help if we possibly can and at the time requested.

### CALL THE POLICE!

Questions pour in from morning to night. "Is there any skating?" "Is there any school?" "Where is the fire?" "Where do I register my bike?" "Where is such a street?" "Where do I get a license for my dog?" "How do I get to Needham from Everett?" "What is the law on property stolen from a car?" "What is the weather forecast for New York for this week end?" "Are the busses running this morning?" "How are road conditions from here to Connecticut?" "Who shall I call? A water pipe is broken and the cellar is flooded." "What day can I go for my automobile license?" "There's a swarm of bees on the side of my house. What shall I do?"

The lighter side of departmental duties finds us accepting complaints on lost dogs, found dogs, (all sizes, shapes and varieties), lost cats, found cats, lost goats, injured foxes, lost ponies, injured pigeons, lost horses, lost cows, swarms of bees, trapped skunks (usually in the garbage pail), river turtles, snakes, bears, rats, chickens, mice in the walls, pigs, and squirrels in the attic. Our lost and found department, as of this writing, contains such interesting articles as a single crutch and a set of false teeth (uppers), both still unclaimed.

The town is increasing in population so fast that the day is not far distant when we must have an auxiliary ambulance. This has been requested before but refused. The ambulance we currently have is making more and more trips and with the enlarging of the Glover Memorial Hospital we find ourselves increasingly busy. For the record, one very serious accident this past year required the use of two ambulances to take the injured persons to the hospital and we had to put into service a vehicle that has been in the Department since 1930 and is nothing more than a "Paddy Wagon."

The time has come when the position of a policeman is no longer just a "job" but a profession. This is being more and more emphasized by police schools and many special courses of instruction to keep the officer up to date on current police procedures. These courses are being held by the F. B. I. in Washington, the Massachusetts State Police and others too numerous to name. The day has long since passed when a policeman did nothing but "pound a beat."



# Town Clerk

MARIAN S. PETERSON, *Town Clerk*

	Employees	Budget	Expenditures
1946	2	\$5,710.97	\$4,990.61
1947	2	5,964.77	5,445.05
1948	2	6,131.30	6,128.30
1949	2	6,476.57	6,462.77
1950	2	6,320.97	6,270.89

In the year 1950, halfway through the 20th Century, let us consider the activities of the Town Clerk's office in 1900. In that year there were 91 births, 23 marriages and 53 deaths recorded, as against 336 births, 200 marriages and 163 deaths this past year. In 1900 Needham licensed 260 dogs, with a revenue to the Town of \$558.09, while this past year there were 1468 dogs, bringing \$3,429.75 into the Town treasury. At the same time the population increased from 4,016 to 16,262.

But many of the duties of the Town Clerk are unchanged. The Town Seal, used on various documents, is in her custody. She maintains true records of the Town Meetings and of vital statistics, is charged with furnishing the ballots for Town Elections and certifying the results of all elections to the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Marriage Intentions are filed with the Town Clerk; dog, fishing and hunting licenses are issued by her. The rapid growth of Needham in the past few years has greatly increased the activity in this office, for the new residents usually turn here for general information about their Town.

The office of the Town Clerk is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and on Tuesday evenings at 7:30.

Vital Statistics	1949	1950
Births .....	332	336
Marriages .....	208	200
Deaths .....	155	163

## Receipts

Dog Licenses .....	\$3,429.75	\$3,526.75
Hunting, fishing, trapping licenses .....	1,946.00	1,997.00
Miscellaneous fees .....	2,569.19	2,505.64

## Fire Department

RICHARD M. SALAMONE, *Chief*

Employees				
	Perm.	Call	Budget	Expenditures
1946	20	18	\$ 73,848.30	\$ 70,306.08
1947	20	18	85,616.84	84,221.00
1948	26	18	105,661.24	104,671.81
1949	26	18	119,445.06	119,094.08
1950	27	18	109,748.77	108,748.55

During the year 1950 we had the greatest number of fires in the history of the department. Mutual Aid protection was continued with the surrounding cities and towns.

Fire drills were conducted at all the schools during the year. The times and conditions were recorded and recommendations were made regarding same. Periodic inspections were made throughout the year in stores, factories, churches, rooming houses and convalescent homes.

During the year Timothy L. Coughlin was retired from the department and Raymond Vincent was appointed to fill the vacancy.

The rapid growth of the Town carries with it the real need for additional equipment and personnel if fire protection service is to be maintained at past levels. It is the opinion of the department that the following recommendations are in order:

Purchase of a new pump to replace the present pump in the Heights station which is over 20 years old.

Purchase of a new and additional ladder truck.

Adoption of the 56-hour week.

Appointment of six more permanent men.

Purchase of a rescue and emergency truck.

Purchase of a new brush fire truck.

The usual training drills were carried on during the year. The equipment of the department now includes:

Ladder truck	1942	Chief's car	1947
1000-gallon pump	1930 (Heights)	Jeep	1948
750-gallon pump	1941	Fire alarm truck	1949
500-gallon pump	1940	Brush fire truck	1939

## Public Works

LESTER C. HOLLIS, *Superintendent*

	Employees	Appropriations	Expenditures
1946	62	\$519,600.08	\$397,481.17
1947	72	706,000.14	636,856.02
1948	80	756,056.89	695,745.03
1949	88	707,229.63	564,771.04
1950	78	866,553.10	721,636.64

This is the 17th annual report of this Department which was established by Section 2, Chapter 189 of the Acts of 1932. The Selectmen are authorized to act as a Board of Public Works and appoint a Superintendent to administer under their direction the powers of Highway surveyors, Water, Sewer, and Park Commissioners, Tree Warden, Town Engineer, and such other powers under the control of the Selectmen as they may designate.

Although the expenditures of this department have increased about 28% above those of the previous year, the total number of employees has decreased about 11% and the rates of salaries and wages paid remains the same as the schedule of classifications adopted by the Town. The personnel under the supervision of the Superintendent of Public Works consist of the Town Engineer and an assistant, a Division Superintendent and an assistant, 5 engineering aides, 3 clerical assistants, 7 supervisory foremen and 58 equipment operators, mechanics and laborers.

New housing construction has brought greatly increased burdens on all of the Departments of Public Works. A third successive year of extensive construction projects involving expenditure of nearly one half million dollars, has convinced us of the necessity for continuing to obtain modern equipment in order to maintain efficiency. Several pieces of new equipment are now in use, including a 2½ ton truck and a power grader. The total mileage of public ways within the Town of Needham now includes 61.42 miles Town and County and 5.94 miles State highway.

Nearly 82 miles of streets are now plowed for snow, an increase of 6¾ miles over 1949. During most winters our experience indicates that at least one snow fall of more than 12 inches depth occurs. Accordingly, we have endeavored to obtain and re-design our equipment for the maximum storm, thereby minimizing contract hiring. The use of straight rock salt on our streets has proven most economical since it reduces the amount of snow and ice to be plowed and keeps the snow in easily plowed condition.

Engineering services furnished to other Town Departments include the assignment of house numbers to all new buildings; checking building permit applications for compliance with the zoning laws; location and description of trees proposed for removal; checking distances from various schools to pupils' homes. Considerable time was spent in dividing the Town into six new voting precincts



as adopted by the Board of Selectmen on June 20, 1950. Particular attention was given to making the precincts as nearly equal in registered voters as possible and use the best topographical boundaries complying with the law.

The facilities of the Water Division have this year again been taxed to supply and extend new water mains and house connections for 407 new services. A little more than three miles of pipe lines have been laid to meet this demand.

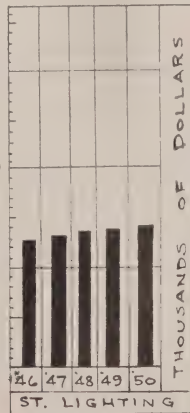
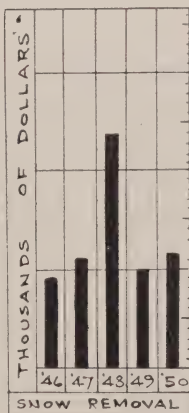
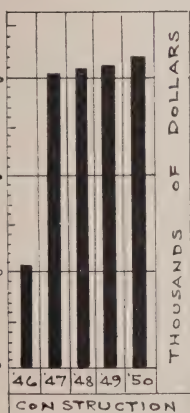
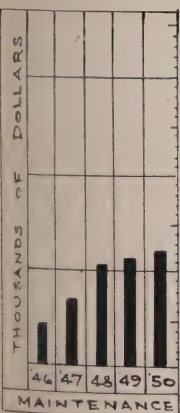
A total of 522,467,300 gallons of water was pumped this year with heaviest demand on July 29, 1950, when 3,176,000 gallons were delivered.

The principal project was the erection of a new standpipe on Ryan's Hill to replace the old one erected in 1890. This standpipe was badly pitted inside, but structurally sound. The capacity of the old tank was inadequate to meet the demands for water storage developed during the summer months. The new tank, plus the Birds Hill Tank, has increased the total standpipe capacity to 2,284,000 gallons, an increase of more than one million gallons. The 1950 average daily consumption of water was 1,431,400 gallons.

During the year 13,720 feet of new sewer mains were added to our system. Contracts were awarded for the construction of 11,180 feet of mains; 2,540 feet were installed by Town forces. A total of 277 new service connections were constructed of which 177 were made by Town forces and 100 by private contractors. Of those installed by contractors, 73 were at the Needham Housing Authority development. New services totaled 14,413 feet of pipe.

Street drain construction included 4,678 feet of drain pipe in sizes from 10-inch to 24-inch and 30 new catchbasins.

The North Needham Sewage Pumping Station completed its first full year of operation satisfactorily. A total of 67 service connections have been made in the area served by this station. Due to an unforeseen, increased industrial waste flow, a new pipe line, connecting with the Newton sewer system, was constructed across the Charles River.





**Board Chairman, Dr. David E. Mann, Examines X-Ray.**

## Board of Health

DAVID E. MANN, M.D., *Chairman*

LESLIE B. CUTLER

KENNETH CHRISTOPHE, M.D., *Secretary*

	Employees	Budget	Expenditures
1946	5	\$28,599.26	\$25,923.78
1947	6	20,701.19	18,485.50
1948	4	23,497.19	23,296.26
1949	5	26,544.63	24,872.03
1950	5	24,132.14	23,269.91

During the year 1950, the incidence of communicable disease, with a total of 468 cases, was the lowest since 1941 when a total of 264 cases was reported.

The Board of Health adopted regulations for the licensing of Child Care centers to implement General Laws, Chapter III, Sections 58-62, as amended by the General Court in 1950.

In addition to home visits of communicable disease cases, the Public Health Nurse also visits mothers of new babies and furnishes helpful suggestions regarding early infant care. The Nurse attends the weekly Well-Child Conference of the Visiting Nurse Association, which is conducted by a pediatrician. The clinic is using the new triple vaccine for immunization against diphtheria, whooping cough, and tetanus, now available through the State Department of Public Health.

The annual rabies immunization clinic for dogs was held as in recent years, with a total attendance of 281 dogs. This is the same number that attended the 1949 clinic and represents approximately 20% of the licensed dog population of the Town.

As a result of the passage of the Union Health Bill a year ago, the Board of Health has had several meetings with health departments of nearby towns to discuss the possibility of creating a Union Health Department for this area. Under the Union Health Bill it is mandatory for towns with 35,000 population or less to become associated in a union with other towns within a ten year period, unless they meet the minimum standards set by the State Public Health Council. The following towns with a combined population of about 70,000 are considering such a union: Wellesley, Weston, Needham, Natick, Dover, Westwood and Wayland.

The Department carried out periodic bacteriological examination of swab cultures of utensils from eating places and made frequent sanitary inspection of food establishments.

Periodic examination was made of the water from Rosemary Lake, which uniformly showed satisfactory quality for bathing purposes.

Routine bacteriological examination was made of milk from all dealers selling milk in the Town of Needham. We are pleased to report that the general level of restaurant sanitation is high and the quality of Needham's milk supply is very satisfactory.

The mosquito abatement program emphasized adult spraying with 6% D.D.T. solution, and the mosquito population was maintained well below the nuisance level. The control program was essentially the same as for 1949 with an expenditure of approximately 1/3 of the mosquito appropriation of \$3,850.00 for ditching and draining.

The annual garbage collection contract was awarded to Ruggiero Bros., May 1, 1950, for a period of one year at \$7,750.00.

Mrs. Doris E. Barlow returned to the Town service in June to fill the position of Clerk-Technician resulting from the resignation of Mrs. Virginia M. Bain.

The Board recommends the continuation of the present health program for the ensuing year with further study of the Union Health plan which promises increased health benefits to the Town without added expense. At present Needham spends approximately 70c per capita for health, exclusive of garbage collection and mosquito control.



# Glover Memorial Hospital

## TRUSTEES

CYRIL N. ANGELL, *Chairman*      HERBERT F. STEVENSON, *Vice Chairman*  
 ALLAN M. CATE      DAVID O'LEARY, JR      GEORGE A. POTTER  
 SAMUEL S. HALL, JR.      CARLETON D. MORSE      EUNICE H. MILLIKIN  
 M. HELEN FOX, *Secretary*  
 HELEN I. LINANE, R.N., *Superintendent of Nurses*  
 DONALD R. CARMICHAEL, *Business Manager*

	Employees	Budget	Expenditures	Receipts
1946	26	\$73,422.07	\$66,220.35	\$55,130.76
1947	28	78,692.20	78,134.65	73,450.69
1948	31	96,159.42	96,021.18	79,626.35
1949	64 Perm. 19 Temp.	219,125.56	156,175.56	110,924.62
1950	63 Perm. 23 Temp.	258,173.97	256,842.67	208,916.42

The end of 1950 saw the completion of the first full year of operation in the new hospital. The last three months of the previous year had given us an opportunity to organize and formulate the necessary plans and systems to carry out the operations of such a complicated business. We were thus able to start the year with a smoothly functioning organization. This encouraged us to apply for an examination by the American College of Surgeons to determine what steps we should take to become eligible for approval. As a result of the examination, we were gratified to receive Provisional Approval from the American College of Surgeons.



Planning  
Session

The first six months of operations were encouraging, showing a gradual increase in occupancy, denoting an improving and healthy condition. Then we became confronted with the Korean situation with its resulting inflation and creation of a shortage of essential materials, especially textiles, disrupting our carefully planned budget based on prices at the end of the preceding year. However, despite these conditions, we have shown continual progress throughout the year while the growth of the X-ray and Laboratory departments have exceeded our expectations.

We wish to extend our thanks and appreciation to the Ladies' Aid for their many activities in behalf of the hospital and for the donations and the equipment they gave us. We also thank the many other organizations in Needham for their assistance in our sewing room. The Library Service has been continued throughout the year and is greatly appreciated by the patients. We are also indebted to other organizations for holiday favors and many other thoughtful acts.

The Police and Fire Departments, the Department of Public Works, the Department of Public Welfare, and other Town employees have been most helpful and cooperative and we acknowledge our appreciation to them.

In order to supplement our nursing staff on account of the present shortage and in anticipation of the continued nursing shortage which will be aggravated by the demands of the armed forces, we started a Red Cross Volunteer Nurses' Aide course which was completed on January 19, 1951. The course consisted of forty hours of classroom work and forty hours of ward service under the supervision of Mrs. Donald Sabine, R.N., and Mrs. Lawrence Hopkins, Chairman of Nurses' Committee. The ten nurses' aides who have completed the course will devote 150 hours of service to the hospital. Their services will be invaluable and it is our sincere hope that we may continue these classes.

(Photo by L. T. Welsh)

**Needham's  
first home-  
trained class  
of Nurses'  
Aides.**





**Orders of  
the Day.**

The Board wishes to express its appreciation to the Medical Staff for its fine cooperation, and to the Nursing Staff for the excellent care given to the patients during 1950, as well as to the dietitian and other personnel for their assistance. Under the supervision of Mr. Donald R. Carmichael, Business Manager, and Miss Helen I. Linane, Superintendent of Nurses, the Board feels that the hospital is indeed in competent hands.

#### 1950 CENSUS

<b>Number of Patients admitted</b> .....	<b>1,538</b>
<b>Number of Outpatients</b> .....	<b>405</b>
<b>Number of Births</b> .....	<b>180</b>
<b>Number of Caesarean Sections</b> .....	<b>6</b>
<b>Medical Cases</b> .....	<b>528</b>
<b>Surgical Operations (major)</b> .....	<b>348</b>
<b>Surgical Operations (minor)</b> .....	<b>321</b>
<b>Surgical Operations (tonsil and adenoid)</b> .....	<b>233</b>
<b>Average Patients per day</b> .....	<b>31.1</b>
<b>Average Stay in Hospital</b> .....	<b>8.19</b>
<b>Total Number of Patient Days (Adult)</b> .....	<b>10,587</b>
<b>Total Number of Infant Days (Infants)</b> .....	<b>1,463</b>
<b>Total Number of Blue Cross Patients</b> .....	<b>868</b>
<b>Total Number of Adult Deaths</b> .....	<b>62</b>
<b>Maternity Deaths</b> .....	<b>1</b>
<b>Total Number of X-rays</b> .....	<b>2,872</b>
<b>Laboratory—Examinations representing the total number of units made in our hospital laboratory</b> .....	<b>33,583</b>
<b>House patients</b> .....	<b>26,126</b>
<b>Out patients</b> .....	<b>7,457</b>



## Veterans' Services

F. J. STANWOOD, *Agent*

	Employees	Budget	Expenditures
1946	2	\$29,761.55	\$18,790.98
1947	2	24,115.69	21,122.85
1948	2	25,172.14	23,127.46
1949	2	27,762.05	27,177.77
1950	2	29,450.00	28,138.63

During the year aid was granted to fifty cases representing 108 persons. Ordinary Benefits of \$15,714.59 were paid. Benefits paid for hospitalization were \$1,594.20 and for nursing homes \$1,943.99. Through the cooperation of local doctors at least \$3,000.00 were saved by transferring patients to the Veterans' Administration Hospital, West Roxbury, rather than admitting them to the Needham Hospital. An important factor in both the number of cases admitted and in expenditure for old cases is the change in Social Security law effective September 1, 1950.

Counselling continues to be an important function of this Department and with the present emergency it has increased tremendously. We do not anticipate unemployment conditions to be a factor in 1951. We do expect a steady growth in the responsibilities of this Department as many new residents, not now legally settled in Needham, will become applicants by transfer.

The close of 1950 marked the fourth year of operation under Chapter 584. The State fixes the amount of aid in which they will share fifty percent. These figures in many cases are ample. In many cases they are insufficient. We fully expect to exceed State Budgets in many cases, the amount of such excess, if not approved by the State Commissioner, necessitates 100% payments by the town for legal settlement. The Agent of this Department is definitely opposed to the continuance of Chapter 584 and believes that municipalities should not be dictated to by a central agency as to the amount they may spend upon their veteran population. The amount of disapprovals by the State for the year 1950 is \$817.01.

Aside from the foregoing State laws and regulations, this Department co-operates with the Veterans' Administration in its many laws and regulations. The office is equipped with the blank forms covering the important United States Government functions.

## Needham Housing Authority

JOHN B. MOSELEY, *Chairman*

WILBAR WHITTEMORE, *Treasurer*

GUY S. LANGSTROTH, *Vice-Chairman*

ROBERT W. S. COX, *Asst. Treas.*

HAROLD PUTNAM

The Needham Housing Authority was established by the vote of the Town Meeting in 1948, with an initial appropriation of \$3,000.00 for preliminary expenses. Construction of the High Rock Veterans' Housing was started in September of 1949 and substantially completed in September, 1950. While contracts have not been terminated, due to minor matters to be completed and adjustments of various claims by contractors, all eighty homes have been occupied since October.

These eighty permanent homes are located on individual lots of 10,000 or more square feet on a tract of land which totals about 32 acres. Paved streets totalling nearly a mile, complete with storm drainage, sewer and water, have been provided for these homes.

The total cost of this project consists of the \$872,000.00 established before the work was started, and this amount is still inexact pending final settlement of contracts. Certain contingent costs of this project have been borne by the Town of Needham and an effort to define and total these costs follows:

<b>Preliminary appropriation to Authority .....</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>
<b>Linden Street sewer extension off site .....</b>	<b>9,000.00</b>
<b>(Eventually to serve other properties)</b>	
<b>Town sewer within project .....</b>	<b>11,190.00</b>
<b>(In excess of assessment amount)</b>	
<b>Road connections—off site drains, etc. ....</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>

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**Total Direct Cost to Town of Needham ..... \$27,190.00**

The present status of this property is that the houses are owned in the name of the Needham Housing Authority to be rented to veterans. The streets, built to Town of Needham specifications, complete with utilities, will be deeded to the Town for acceptance at the 1951 Annual Town Meeting. The development costs though approximately \$872,000.00 mentioned above, when determined will be covered by a bond issue to be retired from receipts of the Authority. The Town of Needham is not liable for this bond issue. It is a liability of the Housing Authority, guaranteed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. We are happy to state that no appropriation from the Town is anticipated in the future.

The temporary housing of 24 units at Norris Village, which was completed in September, 1946, came under the supervision of the Housing Authority on January 1, 1949. In December, 1949, clear title to this property was transferred to the Town by the Federal Government, your Authority continuing to supervise as provided by law. All net income since that date accrues to the Town of Needham (approximately \$5,000.00 at the end of 1950).

These temporary units have had numerous vacancies during 1950, due primarily to the fact that many tenants were eligible to move to the High Rock project and, secondly, to a decrease in demand which we hope portends the day as not too far distant when these units will no longer be needed. As of the end of 1950 there are 18 units occupied. Any or all of these buildings may be removed by the vote of the Town Meeting at any time. This matter was brought before a Special Town Meeting in October of this year. Your Authority recommended that no demolition be undertaken at this time, due to the uncertain world situation.

**Typical of homes which now house families of 80 Veterans.**

(Photo by Bill Biggart)





## Schools

W. BIGELOW HALL, *Chairman*

CHARLES E. GREEN

BARBARA M. PAGE

JOHN B. DOLAN

RUTH E. STEERE

RAYMOND F. BOSWORTH

DERWOOD A. NEWMAN, *Superintendent*

	Teaching	Non-teaching	Budget	Expenditures
1946	104	20	\$404,126.12	\$396,731.10
1947	106	28	497,042.04	495,375.92
1948	109	29	527,613.57	524,566.41
1949	113	33	551,020.29	545,446.26
1950	123	36	594,365.84	591,886.89

## THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The year 1950 in the Needham Schools was the Year of Confusion. It will be long remembered with little pleasure by everyone concerned—pupils, parents, teachers, administration, and the School Committee. The confusion began in September when the Mitchell School building was not ready for occupancy and without it there was not room to house the increased school population. The first makeshift was to put both the Mitchell and Carter-Avery Schools on double session, both schools to use the Carter Avery building. The next was to defer the opening of the kindergarten and to use the kindergarten rooms to house the Mitchell pupils. Then, what seemed at the time to be the final plan kept all the elementary schools on a single session and put the kindergartens in temporary quarters in the Congregational and Baptist churches, the American Legion Hall and the hall of the Sons of St. George. But this schedule had hardly begun when disaster struck.

On the morning of September nineteenth two things happened: fire gutted the roof and part of the interior of the Dwight School and the Committee received a letter from the State Building Inspector disapproving the use of the temporary quarters for the kindergartens! After this there was no alternative to double sessions. The final plan placed four of the elementary schools on double sessions: the Carter-Avery and Harris children used their own buildings in the morning, and in the afternoon the Mitchell and Dwight children took them over.

Everyone expects this highly unsatisfactory condition to be relieved before the end of this school year, with all of the elementary schools back on single sessions in their own buildings. After the Christmas vacation the pupils of the Mitchell School went into their own new building and the Dwight School pupils will return home as soon as the repairs to their building, which are now under way, are completed.

Although the fire at the Dwight School and the late completion of the Mitchell School contributed to the confusion, the basic cause was the big increase in elementary enrollment. There were 1696 pupils in the Needham elementary schools on October 1, 1949; on October 1, 1950, there were 1918, an increase of 222 pupils!

# STATISTICS OF ENROLLMENT

October 2, 1950

	Kn.	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	Spl.	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	P.G.	Total
Senior High												184	176	130	1	491
Junior High									209	217	180					606
Stephen Palmer	106	103	90	109	80	72	55									615
Carter-Avery	64	70	100	64	53	46	51									449
Harris	50	47	54	44	37	34	30									296
Dwight	33	29	36	38	32	22	29									219
Eliot	12	13	22	19	7	9	14									96
Mitchell	38	40	37	38	34	27	29									243
Totals	303	302	339	312	243	210	208		209	217	180	184	176	130	1	3,015

An analysis of the foregoing statistics will reveal a disturbing fact. The enrollment in the first three grades is roughly *twice* that in the three years of high school, and about one and a half that of the three years of junior high school! The mere thought of what must happen when these three grades get to the already crowded junior high school, and then to the high school, will serve graphically to describe one of the problems of the Needham schools in the very near future.

The school department is grateful to the churches and to the groups which offered the use of their buildings for the kindergartens in September. It is pleased to be now able to reciprocate. By unanimous vote of the School Committee the school buildings are now available for use, under state law, by organizations and groups in the town. The Methodist Church, for instance, has been holding its services in the Carter School while its own church building has been undergoing alterations.

**William Mitchell School as seen from Brookline street.**



To encourage better understanding of school problems and a fuller coverage of school affairs, both Needham newspapers have been invited to send reporters to all meetings of the Committee. A greater than usual number of Needham parents and citizens have this year taken advantage of the opportunity to attend meetings of the Committee.

A program of Adult Vocational Education, was begun this fall. Three classes are already meeting one evening a week in the school buildings. They include classes in rug-making, tray-painting, and furniture refinishing. It is hoped that several more classes can be offered during the next calendar year. The program is conducted with the help of federal aid which is administered through the State Department of Education. During the last few years there has been an increasing demand for these courses by Needham citizens who have been forced to go to surrounding towns to get them, their tuition being charged to our school budget.

There has been, of course, the constant problem of keeping our school buildings in good repair and to maintain safe and sanitary conditions. Plans for replacing outworn heating and plumbing systems have occupied much of the Committee's time. A major job of painting and refurbishing the interior of the High School was undertaken last summer with happy results.

However, the major decision concerning maintenance was the appointment of Mr. John Daley as Superintendent of School Buildings, to succeed Mr. George B. Jones, who retired. Mr. Daley's experience with school-building maintenance has already been of great help to the Committee.

Several changes in curriculum have been effected during the year. A third year of Latin is now offered in the High School. More time in the junior high school schedule is now devoted to English teaching. Plans for a remedial class in the Junior High School have been completed, and the table of twelves is now taught in the elementary schools.

Finally, the Committee expresses its concern on the problem of children walking to school. Every school has its traffic problem, but the problem is particularly acute where sidewalks are lacking and children are forced to walk to school in the street.

## THE SUPERINTENDENT

In assessing the happenings of the past year, probably the most significant have had to do with our increased and increasing school population. As the year draws to a close, the first unit of a series of neighborhood schools of which Needham should be justly proud is being completed and will be occupied on the opening day of school in January. These schools are being placed within natural divisions of the town, so that either now or when the community grows most children will be no more than a half mile from a school which they can reach



without crossing heavy traffic. Each unit will be complete (i. e., kindergarten through sixth grades), with class rooms, office, health room, general purpose room (to be used for physical education, as cafeteria and as auditorium), remedial room and teachers' room; and so placed on a large site that additions can readily be made and still leave adequate area for play.

The growth of our school population is so rapid that our school building rate is hardly keeping up with it. Our new Mitchell School, which with one session of kindergarten should serve no more than 215, or 240 with two kindergarten sessions, will open with an enrollment of 243. The increase in our school enrollment from October 1, 1949, to October 1, 1950, was 245, roughly the enrollment in the new school!

No such growth can take place without some growing pains. The readjustment of school zones to distribute the school population is never satisfactory to everyone affected, but this past year we were further inconvenienced by having neither our new school or the three-room addition to another school ready in September.

Every new school will mean re-zoning, but it must also be expected that changes within established school areas may also necessitate re-zoning. When these changes are required, every attempt is made to effect them with a minimum of hardship. Parents have been understanding and cooperative in this last difficult period, and their indulgence is deeply appreciated.

More schools mean more personnel, both teaching and non-teaching. This last year we needed a whole new staff for the Mitchell School, and it has been necessary to add a man to the maintenance staff to assist with the increasing amount of needed repairs to the whole school plant.

We need still other personnel to cope with our increased enrollment. One nurse now cares for over 3,000 pupils. One art teacher has duties in some 60 elementary classrooms, in addition to his program at the high school. Physical education is handicapped, with but four people to care for the entire school population. There is also a need for clerical help in the elementary schools. Principals in these schools are forced to spend time on clerical work which they should spend in giving their services in the specialized field for which they were trained and for which they are being paid. If the town adopts the Federal Lunch Program, the clerical burden will be further increased for the principals and for the dietitian as well.

The need for a remedial teacher in the junior high school has already been recognized. There is also a need, particularly but not exclusively in the elementary schools, for a teacher of corrective speech. The present need is only for a part-time teacher, but two of our neighboring towns are eager to explore the possibility of sharing the services of a trained specialist.

In the late summer Miss Madeline Bartell, our elementary supervisor, ac-

cepted a position in the State Department of Education in New Hampshire. Up to this time her successor has not been appointed. The position is one of great importance to our children, and we have gone slowly in filling the vacancy. The organization Miss Bartell developed continues on its own momentum, and frequent meetings of the elementary principals have provided a stop-gap. We should not, however, continue indefinitely without a coordinator who can devote full time and effort to leadership in the elementary schools.

The program in adult vocational training has already been mentioned. In addition, an Americanization class, which has been carried on intermittently in accordance with need, was re-established in the fall.



**Needham High  
School band  
color guard  
displays band's  
new uniforms.**

## THE HIGH SCHOOL

The Class of 1950, numbering eighty-five girls and ninety-four boys, was the second class to use Memorial Field for its graduating exercises. The comments on our exercises, from both within the town and without, have been most gratifying. One former public school man, now a member of the Boston College Faculty, wrote as follows:

"You and the members of your faculty are to be commended for the best high school commencement I have ever had the privilege of attending. The essays were exceptionally well done, the music was excellent, and the conduct of the students was most respectful. The number of the awards and their variety amazed me. From my point of view you have an excellent school. More power to you and the members of your faculty!"

According to statistics from the Guidance Department, approximately seventy percent of the class went on for further education. They are attending the following institutions:

Albertus Magnus	Massachusetts School of Art
American International	University of Massachusetts
Babson Institute	Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Boston College	Miami University
Boston University	Middlebury
Brandeis University	Northeastern University
Bridgewater	Northland College
Brown	Norwich
Colby	Randolph-Macon
Colorado University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Connecticut University	Simmons
Dartmouth	Skidmore
Eastmas School of Music	Springfield College
Emerson	Sweet Briar
Green Mountain	Wentworth Institute
Harvard	Western College
Hiram	Wheaton College
Katharine Gibbs	Williams

One of our graduates was last year elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and others were on the Dean's List at Brown, Dartmouth, Elmira, Madison, Maine, M. I. T., New Hampshire, Northeastern, and Syracuse.

Our enrollment as of October first was 491, divided as follows: 130 seniors, 176 juniors, 184 sophomores, and one post-graduate student. This is the smallest



enrollment in a number of years. Next year should find us well over the five-hundred mark.

Service activities of the school included affiliation with the Junior Red Cross, the sending of CARE packages to the needy in Europe, and sending clothing to the Save the Children Foundation. We also did considerable typing, mimeographing, etc., for the Public School Association, the local Red Cross chapter, the Community Council, and the League of Women Voters.

Last February our seniors competed with seniors from other suburban high schools in the "Forum for Living" Contest. In this contest we succeeded in qualifying more candidates for final consideration than any other school.

Again as in previous years, we have been greatly assisted in our work by the Scholastic Boosters, the Exchange Club, the Rotary Club, the New Century Club, and the Village Club. We are deeply grateful to them for their efforts in our behalf.

A new scholarship will be awarded this year for the first time to one of our graduates to attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Our gratitude goes to Professor Irving H. Cowdrey, who established the scholarship.

The school library needs more books, more shelf space, and eventually a librarian. This despite our appreciation for the fine spirit of cooperation and helpfulness of those in charge of the town library who serve us so well at all times. The need for public tennis courts which might be used by our students still exists.

We are very mindful of the present world situation; consequently, we are not only gearing our present offerings to meet it, but also planning additional offerings to make certain phases of our work more useful and effective.

## THE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

At the end of the year there were 610 pupils in the Junior High School. By making use of three classrooms and the auditorium of the Emery Grover School, the Junior High School can effectively educate 600 pupils. The problem of what will happen when the present large elementary classes reach the Junior High School must be on everyone's mind by this time.

The value of a three-year junior high school has already been proved, both here and elsewhere in the state and nation. And we are not the only town facing enrollment problems. A survey of neighboring towns reveals that most of them are either building new junior high schools or making additions to those already built. It is to be hoped that Needham will plan to meet the problem before it becomes an emergency which will have to be met with the kind of makeshift arrangement which is usually necessary to meet such an emergency.

In spite of the difficulties presented by our present housing problem, some definite improvements in the School's curriculum have been made. One of the most important is the addition of one more teacher to the English department,

where the need was great. Reading and literature, English grammar, oral and written expression are all included in the course of study in English. The addition of a teacher has made it possible to offer six periods a week of English to pupils in the seventh and eighth grades, where before only five were possible; and it has also made it possible to offer two additional electives in the ninth grade.

For the past two years a committee has been studying problems of curriculum in the school. The findings of this committee have resulted in a number of changes. This year, to supplement the work of this committee, subject committees have been organized to formulate courses of study in mathematics, science, English, and social studies. These committees will review the available texts in each subject and recommend those to be adopted.

Another committee, the Achievement Committee, is studying the needs of three groups of pupils: 1) those with a slow rate of learning, 2) those with low mentality, and 3) those deficient in basic skills who can benefit by remedial aid. This committee has proposed that a teacher be employed to work with classes composed of pupils who need special help in the fundamentals of mathematics, English (to include reading and spelling), social studies, and science. Such a teacher will need special training in the teaching of reading, some elementary school training and experience, and understanding of the adolescent child. The class would be kept to a minimum of fifteen pupils at a time in each subject. Some pupils would be referred to the class for mathematics, some for English, some for help in two subjects, and a few for help in all their major subjects. While receiving remedial help in the class, each pupil would carry on the rest of his school activities with his regular classmates. Pupils would be referred to the class by the regular classroom teachers.

Since the pupils who would be referred to such a class constitute one of the chief problems of the classroom teacher, teaching in the large regular classes would be improved. As it is, each teacher must spend an inordinate amount of time giving the pupils in these three categories the amount of attention they need.

## THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

In the elementary schools this year's story is one of moves and counter-moves. A report on the year's activities must, then, concern itself primarily with the effects of these moves on the elementary school pupils. There is no elementary school supervisor this year to describe these effects in their broad implications over the whole town, but excerpts from the reports of the individual principals describe them in part:

"While the platoon system . . . is not an ideal set-up, our children have made a good adjustment. Our regular classroom program has been curtailed



### **Story time in Mitchell school kindergarten.**

somewhat in order to place more emphasis on the essentials, and our accomplishments have been satisfactory."

"One outstanding advancement to a better condition was a much smaller enrollment in our first two grades. There is already a noticeable improvement in the achievement of the first grades due to the change from 40 to 23 in the classes."

"In retrospect this past year of temporary plans, moving, and changes has not been without many definite and positive gains. The children have been making definite and steady academic progress. They have also had a fine sharing experience, which is also a part of education for living. With very minor instances of friction, they have used materials and supplies belonging to others all over town. They have learned to care for and respect the belongings of others."

"After this interesting start, the children settled down to the work of the year. The shorter hours resulted in little loss of work in the key subjects, as no time was taken out for lunch. The actual time on the school subjects was almost the same as a normal day. A feeling of unity and pride in being a member of the school developed, and it was pleasant to see this feeling grow."



## **GUIDANCE AND RESEARCH**

Children are more than just receptacles for the Three R's. Our Needham Elementary School Report Card illustrates this fact when it asks the teacher to report, not only on each child's learning of basic skills, but also on his development of desirable character traits. This card identifies areas of development which are listed as follows: 1) Ability to follow directions; 2) Work independently; 3) Finishes work on time; 4) Courtesy in speech and manners; 5) Uses free time to good advantage; 6) Contributes to the enrichment of class work; 7) Keeps an orderly desk; 8) Neatness in work.

Each pupil is an individual with his own individual problem. Each pupil is also an individual with his own individual questions. He asks: Should I stay in school? How can I discover my real interests? Why am I failing? Why can't I get along better in English? What college or business school should I choose? What subjects should I take in high school? How can I make and keep friends? How can I get into a school of nursing? These are just some of the questions he asks and he needs the answers.

Satisfactory answers to these questions make him a better student. They relieve him of the worries that can prevent him from doing satisfactory work in his classes. Tests show that failure in school work is as often the result of emotional disturbances as it is lack of ability. These disturbances have often been called "lack of motivation," "stubbornness," "refusal to try," "laziness," "just doesn't care." Guidance tries to go behind these labels that often dismiss a pupil to failure, tries to discover and alleviate the causes. School should offer to each pupil the experience of success.

To help our pupils to achieve this success, and to answer some of their questions, the Guidance Department has this year conducted the following activities:

1) Held counselling interviews with pupils on their educational, vocational, social, emotional, and personal problems.

2) Made use of referral services in the areas of speech correction, lip reading, physical and mental disorders, behavior problems, and special remedial diagnosis and instruction. (These referrals were made only with the consent of parents.)

3) Held educational conferences in the Junior and Senior High Schools. The Needham Exchange Club gives local support, guidance, and sponsorship in this work.

4) Administered interest, aptitude, and ability tests.

5) Conducted follow-up surveys.

6) Held weekly guidance staff meetings.

7) Made community contacts through talks, group and individual meetings, and publicity releases.

8) Worked in committee to streamline our cumulative records.

9) Interviewed new pupils in the Junior and Senior High, as well as those planning to leave. (A study is now in progress to determine why pupils leave school.)

10) Held an increased number of interviews with parents concerned with their children's programs and activities.

A study has been made to evaluate the effectiveness of the guidance program. This study and others are available to parents and others at the Office of Guidance and Research.

## SCHOOL HEALTH

An increasing number of kindergarten children were given pre-school examinations by family physicians and dentists in 1950. Our two school physicians continued the annual health examinations of other pupils. Parents were notified of physical defects to be referred to the family physician.

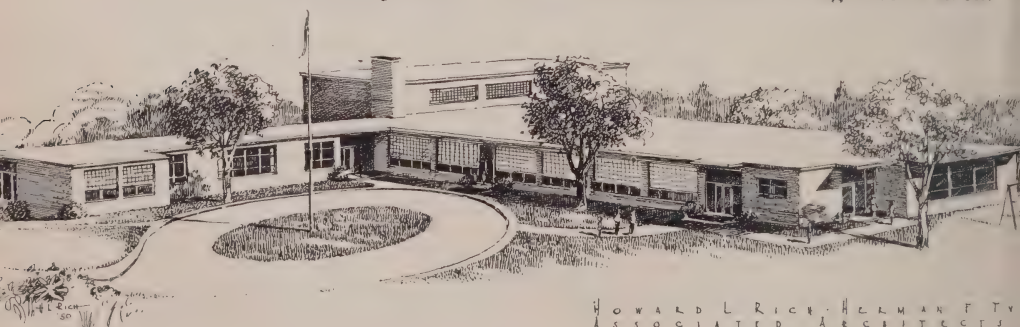
The Massachusetts Vision Test was given to pupils in grades one, two, four, six, and nine. Pure-Tone Hearing Tests were given in grades three through six in the William Carter, Dwight, Eliot and Harris Schools, as well as in grade nine.

The Norfolk County Hospital Clinic provided Chest X-Ray service to members of grade twelve.

The Dental Clinic, sponsored by The New Century Club, made available the part-time services of Dr. Kurt J. Baum and Mrs. S. P. Stanley, dental hygienist. 144 pupils kept 836 appointments. This year an X-Ray machine has been added to the dental equipment. Parents may make application to the Clinic for elementary and pre-school children, following which eligibility for service shall be determined.

Classroom teachers are depended upon to observe the day-to-day health of their pupils in an effort to detect departures from good health which interfere with the process of learning. The continued cooperation of the teaching and health staffs is essential to an effective health program.

**Elementary school now under construction in High Rock area.**



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ASSOCIATED ARCHITECTS

# PERSONNEL LIST AS OF JANUARY, 1951

Name	Degree	Educational Training	Year Began in Needham
<b>SUPERINTENDENT</b>			
Derwood A. Newman	B.S. in Engineer. Ed.M., Ed.D.	Univ. of New Hampshire Harvard University	1944
<b>Senior High</b>			
William F. Pollard (Principal)	A.B. Ed.M.	Middlebury College Harvard University	1927
John E. Nelson Bookkeeping	A.B.	Williams College	1932
William A. Berry, Jr. Counselor, Driver Ed. Algebra	B.A.	Dartmouth College	1948
Mary O. Clifford Home Economics	B.S.	Simmons College	1950
Annie M. Currie English, Spanish	A.B.	Tufts College	1920
F. Clare Curtin English	B.A. M.A.	Yale Columbia University	1946
Howard Damon Latin, English	A.B., M.A.	University of Maine	1950
Catherine Dodge English	A.B. M.A.	Univ. of New Hampshire Middlebury College	1925
Florence Durgin Economics	2 Yr. Diploma A.B.	Plymouth, N. H. State Boston University	1922
M. E. History	M.A.	Boston University	
Anna P. Fessenden Mathematics	B.A. M.S.	Smith College Univ. of Minnesota	1926
Fred L. Frost U. S. History	A.B. M.A. Ed.M.	Lebanon Valley Columbia University Harvard	1919
Alice C. Gates Biology	2 Yr. Diploma B.S.	Fitchburg State Boston University	1925
J. Clifford Geer Physics, Chemistry Audio-Visual	B.S. Ed.M.	Tufts College Boston University	1949
Margaret Guthrie Typing, Bookkeeping Econ. Geog.	2 Yr. Diploma B.C.S.	Bryant & Stratton New York University	1930
Ruth C. Barrington French	A.B.	Boston University	1926
Margaret C. Kenney Spanish	A.B. M.Ed.	Wellesley College Boston University	1938
Gertrude Lewis Stenography, Typing	B.S.Ed.	Boston University	1929
Sylvia E. McCurdy (Mrs.) U. S. History, Econ., Geog.	A.B.	Bates College	1950
Evelyn S. Merrill (Mrs.) English	1 Yr. A.B.	Westbrook Junior Colby College	1944
Ernest J. Pelletier Industrial Arts Elements of Aeronautics	B.S.	Univ. of New Hampshire	1936
Asa Small Com. Law, Math.	A.B. L.L.B. L.L.M.	Bowdoin Northeastern University Boston University	1927
Louise Steele English, Librarian	B.A. Ed.M.	Colby Harvard University	1926
Joseph F. Walsh Chemistry, Math.	B.S. A.M.T.	Harvard University Harvard University	1951
<b>Junior High</b>			
James M. Peebles (Principal)	B.S.Ed. M.A.	Bridgewater State Teachers Columbia University	1940
Doris Askew Social Studies, English	3 Yr. Diploma B.S.	Oswego, N. Y. State Columbia Teachers College	1935
Hope Bryant Home Economics	B.S. M.Ed.	Simmons College Boston University	1942
M. Earle Chase Science	B.S. B.S.Ed.	Univ. of Massachusetts Bridgewater State	1942
Lorraine E. Claxton (Mrs.) Arith., Science	3 Yr. Diploma B.S.	E. Stroudsburg Pa. State E. Stroudsburg Pa. State	1944
Sylvia Collins Algebra, Jr. Business	Summers	Farmington, Keene and Plymouth State Normal	1925
Myrtle Colson Algebra, Math.	B.S.Ed. M.Ed.	Boston Teachers College Boston Teachers College	1937
Mary Duran Social Studies	2 Yr. Diploma B.L., M.L.	Fitchburg State Suffolk Univ. Law School	1930
Clarence Dussault English	B.S.	Georgetown University	1949
Marion F. Ferguson Guidance, English	B.S. M.Ed.	Gorham State Teachers Col. Andover Newton Theol. Sch. Boston University	1949
R. Ashley Holt Arith., Science Visual Ed.	B.P.E.	Springfield College Boston University	1932
Geraldine Illingworth Music, English	B.Mus.	Boston University	1947



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<b>Name</b>	<b>Degree</b>	<b>Educational Training</b>	<b>Year Began in Needham</b>
Ursula Leaman (Mrs.)	3 Yr. Diploma	Salem Teachers College	1947
Math., Science			
Elizabeth Linscott (Mrs.)	A.B.	Boston University	1946
English			
Katherine Locke	A.B.	Hollins College	1936
Latin, History	M.A.	Univ. of Michigan	
Evelyn Martin (Mrs.)	2 Yr. Diploma	Gorham, Me. State Teachers	1943
English, Soc. Studies		Boston University	
		Univ. of Colorado	
Paul F. McDaniel	B.A., M.Ed.	Univ. of Wash. (Seattle)	1950
Soc. Studies, Math.		Tufts College	
Nellie T. O'Brien	2 Yr. Diploma	Framingham St. Teachers	1916
Soc. Studies			
Margaret M. O'Leary (Mrs.)	B.S. Ed.	Boston University	1946
English, Soc. Studies	M.Ed.	Boston University	
Edward Perrin	B.S. Ed.	State Teachers College	1942
Industrial Arts		Mansfield, Penna.	
Richard W. Rourke	B.S. Ed.	Mass. School of Art	1950
Art			
Jerome C. Sisson	B.S.	Clarkson Col. of Technology	1928
Science	M.Ed.	Boston University	
K. Lucille Wharton	A.B.	Univ. of Illinois	1938
Math., Soc. Studies	M.A.	Columbia University	
Harriett D. Tippet (Mrs.)	B.A.	Smith College	1950
English			
<b>Stephen Palmer School</b>			
Arnold W. Lunt	B.S. Ed.	Boston University	1946
(Principal)	M.Ed.	Boston University	
Gladys J. Benton (Mrs.)	2 Yr. Diploma	Edinboro Pa. State Teach.	1927
Grade IV		Fitchburg State Tchrs., B. U.	
Estelle Cassidy	3 Yr. Diploma	Farmington Me. State Tchrs.	1941
Grade III	B.S. in Ed.	Hyannis State Teachers	
	M.Ed.	Hyannis State Teachers	
Clara Dray	2 Yr. Diploma	Perry Kindergarten	1925
Grade I		Boston University	
Jane B. Doughty	3 Yr. Diploma	Bridgewater State Tchrs.	1919
Grade II		Boston University	
		Hyannis State Teachers	
Florence M. Drott (Mrs.)	B.S. in Ed.	Boston Teachers College	1950
Grade I			
Alice Glassett (Mrs.)	2 Yr. Diploma	Framingham State Tchrs.	1926
Grade VI	B.S. in Ed.	Boston University	
Barbara Hatch (Mrs.)	2 Yr. Diploma	Lowell State Teachers	1941
Grade III			
Margaret Heideman (Mrs.)	2 Yr. Diploma	Springfield Kinder. Train.	1944
Grade IV		Hyannis State Tchrs., B.U.	
Bertha Johnson	2 Yr. Diploma	Castleton Vt. State Tchrs.	1918
Grade V			
Phyllis Johnson	2 Yr. Diploma	Lesley College	1946
Grade I		Hyannis Summer	
Alice McDougald	2 Yr. Diploma	Fisher Kindergarten	1916
Kindergarten			
Ruth S. Manchester (Mrs.)	2 Yr. Diploma	Bridgewater State Tchrs.	1943
Grade II			
James H. Pettingill	B.S. in Ed.	Bridgewater State Tchrs.	1948
Grade VI			
Virginia Power (Mrs.)	B.S. in Ed.	Wheelock College	1946
Kindergarten			
Mary S. Shields (Mrs.)	Diploma	Boston Teachers College	1949
Grade IV and V	B.S.E.	University of Maine	
Wilma F. Smith (Mrs.)	2 Yr. Diploma	Eastern State Normal, Me.	1927
Grade IV			
Margaret Wilcock	2 Yr. Diploma	North Adams State Tchrs.	1930
Grade V	1 Yr. Diploma	Bridgewater State Teachers	
Madolin Wilcox	2 Yr. Diploma	Farmington Me. St. Tchrs.	1919
Grade II		Boston University	
		Hyannis State Teachers	
		University Extension	
<b>Dwight School</b>			
John H. Jenkins, Jr.	A.B.	Bowdoin College	1940
(Principal)	M.A.	Columbia University	
Martha M. Bates (Mrs.)	B.S.	Worcester State Tchrs. Col.	1949
Grade V			
Evelyn A. Dawkin (Mrs.)	A.B.	Boston University	1950
Grades III & IV	M.Ed.	Harvard University	
Florence Day	B.S. in Ed.	Bridgewater Tchrs. College	1948
Grade II			
Marion Hancock (Mrs.)	B.S. in Ed.	Bridgewater Tchrs. College	1946
Grade IV			
Shirley A. Huntington (Mrs.)	B.S.	Wheelock College	1950
Kindergarten			
Mary Louise Kohler (Mrs.)	B.S. in Ed.	Boston Teachers College	1950
Grade I			

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Name	Degree	Educational Training	Year Began in Needham
Jeanne M. Lynch (Mrs.) Grade III	B.S. in Ed.	Framingham Teachers Col.	1950
<b>William Carter School</b>			
Minot B. MacDonald (Principal)	B.S. in Ed. M.A.	Bridgewater State Tchrs. Columbia University	1937
Mildred S. Crocker (Mrs.) Grade V	2 Yr. Diploma	Bridgewater State Tchrs. New England Conservatory Boston University	1945
Dorothy Fleming (Mrs.) Grade II	2 Yr. Diploma	Fitchburg State Teachers	1949
Dennis F. Foley Grade VI	B.S. in Ed.	Salem Teachers College Boston University	1941
Marian B. Gierasch (Mrs.) Grade II	A.B.	Mount Holyoke College	1950
Frederick A. Gorgone, Jr. Grades V & VI	A.B. A.M.	Boston College Harvard University	1947
Mary A. F. Griffin (Mrs.) Grade III	B.S. in Ed.	Framingham Tchrs. College	1950
Elsie S. Kalin (Mrs.) Grade III	B.Ed.	New Haven Teachers Col. Boston University	1945
Marian C. Kohr Grade IV	A.B.	Emmanuel College	1950
Marian McKillop (Mrs.) Grade II	3 Yr. Diploma	Boston Teachers College	1947
Elaine M. Vassalotti Grade IV	B.S. in Ed.	Framingham Tchrs. College	1950
<b>Avery School</b>			
Cynthia M. Gregory Kindergarten	2 Yr. Diploma	Wheelock College	1934
Catherine G. Hogan Kindergarten	B.S. in Ed.	Worcester State Teachers	1948
Helen H. Palubinskas (Mrs.) Grade I	B.S. in Ed.	Boston University Oberlin Cons. of Music Western Reserve University	1949
Helen C. McDonough (Mrs.) Grade I	2 Yr. Diploma B.S. in Ed.	Framingham State Tchrs. Boston University	1930
<b>Eliot School</b>			
Gladys I. Gilbert (Principal) Grades IV & V	2 Yr. Diploma B.S. in Ed.	Gorham Maine State Tchrs. Teachers Col., Columbia Univ.	1925
Anna E. Fawcett Grades II & III	2 Yr. — 2 Yr. Diploma	Massachusetts Normal Art. Hyannis State Teachers	1919
Lillian A. Prescott (Mrs.) Grade I	2 Yr. Diploma	Gorham Maine State Tchrs.	1921
Edith M. Sillcox Kindergarten	B.S. in Ed.	Wheelock College	1949
<b>Harris School</b>			
Rebecca H. Perry (Principal)	2 Yr. Diploma	Washington State (Me.) Boston University	1924
Ruth S. Carey (Mrs.) Grade I	2 Yr. Diploma B.S. in Ed.	Framingham State Tchrs. Hyannis State	1943
Phyllis E. Daggett (Mrs.) Grades II & III	Diploma B.S. in Ed.	Farmington Normal Sch. Boston University	1950
Eva B. Davis (Mrs.) Grade V	2 Yr. Diploma	Plymouth Normal (N. H.) Boston University University of Vermont Tchrs. College, Asheville, N. C.	1937
Elsie M. Hinkley Kindergarten	1½ Yr.	Framingham State Tchrs. Boston University	1918
Ruth E. Jacobs Grade II	Diploma B.S. in Ed.	Hyannis State Teachers Boston University	1930
Mary K. Lane Grade VI	A.B. M.Ed.	Emmanuel College Boston University	1941
June Morse Grade IV	B.S.	Framingham State Tchrs.	1950
Dorothy Mitchell (Mrs.) Grade III	2 Yr. Diploma	Gorham Normal Harvard University	1946
Viola M. Wyman (Mrs.) Grade I	B.Ed.	R. I. College of Education	1950
<b>Mitchell School</b>			
Leonard Savignano (Principal)	B.S. Ed. M.Ed.	Fitchburg State Teachers Boston University	1950
June Anderson Kindergarten	A.B.	Middlebury College	1950
Jane Bielski (Mrs.) Grade IV	B.S.	Bridgewater Teachers Col.	1946
Joseph DePasqua Grade V	B.A.	Amherst College	1945
Elsie Ferguson (Mrs.) Grade II	B.S. Ed.	Boston Teachers College	1944
Evelyn Lowell Grade III	Elem. Diploma B.S. Ed.	Farmington Tchrs. College Columbia University	1941

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Degree</b>	<b>Educational Training</b>	<b>Year Began in Needham</b>
Gertrude Maroni (Mrs.)	Diploma	Salem Normal	1931
Grade VI	Certificate	Salem Normal	
	B.S.Ed.	Salem Teachers College	
Helen Peterson	Elem. Cert.	Gorham State Tchrs. (Me.)	1940
Grade I		Hyannis State Teachers	
<b>Supervisors and Specials</b>			
Joan Brunelle	1 Year	Curry College	1950
Music-Elem. Grades	B.S.Ed.	Lowell State Teachers	
Margaret Carroll	B.S.Ed.	Boston University	1936
Physical Education	M.Ed.		
Philip H. Claxton	3 Yr. Diploma	E. Stroudsburg State Nor.	1929
Physical Education	B.S.	E. Stroudsburg State Tchrs.	
Mario S. DeFazio	B.S.	Boston University	1935
Physical Education	Ed.M.	Boston University	
William R. Fisher	B.S. in Music	New York University	1938
Music, Band	M.A.	New York University	
	Ed.D.	Boston University	
Elaine McMahon	B.S.	Sargent College	1949
Physical Education			
Olga M. Peet (Mrs.)	B.S. in Ed.	Fridgewater State Tchrs.	1937
Remedial Reading-Testing	M. in Ed.	Boston University	
William Rinehart			
Handwriting	Diploma	Massachusetts Art	1948
John R. Sawyer	B.S. in Ed.	Mass. Art & N. H. Univ.	
Art-Sr. High & Elem.			
Myrtle Taylor	3 Yr. Diploma	Perry Kindergarten Normal	1936
Remedial Reading	B.S. in Ed.	Boston University	
Testing	M.Ed.	Boston University	
William F. Valdina	B.S.	American International Col.	1945
Guidance Director	M.Ed.	Boston University	
<b>Health Service</b>			
Helen T. Daly, R.N.		St. Elizabeth's Hospital	1949
Nurse	B.S.	Simmons College	
Henry R. Gilbert, M.D.	School Physician		
David E. Mann, M.D.	School Physician		
<b>Cafeteria Service</b>			
Lois M. Carley	B.S.	Univ. of Connecticut	1944
Dietitian			
Helen Daley	Cook, Senior High School		1948
Jean Fairbanks	Cook, Senior High School		1944
Eleanor Kerrigan	Assistant, Mitchell School		1948
Anna M. Pfeiffer	Cook, Stephen Palmer		1944
Hazel Roper	Cook, Junior High School		1946
Evelyn Tisdale	Assistant, Dwight School		1948
Blanche Wright	Cook, William Carter		1947
Ruth Merritt	Assistant, Eliot School		1950
<b>General Control</b>			
Margaret Palmstron (Mrs.)	Certificate, Pierce Secretarial School		1948
Secretary, Junior High School			
Helen W. Roberts (Mrs.)	Certificate, University Extension—B.U.		1950
Guidance Secretary			
Esther P. Robinson (Mrs.)	Certificate, Boston University—P.A.L.		1945
Secretary, Superintendent			
Edna F. Slaney (Mrs.)	Diploma, Chandler Secretarial School		1926
Secretary, Senior High School			
Laura R. Ware (Mrs.)	B.S.	Simmons College	1950
Accountant			
Edward Wainwright			
Attendance Officer			
John J. Daley			1923
Superintendent of School Bldgs.			
Everett Heald			1946
Maintenance			
Ralph Winn			1950
Maintenance Custodian			
Lester C. Merritt			1945
Truck Driver—Part-time Stock			
<b>Custodians of School Buildings</b>			
Mason T. Bird	Service in Junior High School		1947
William A. Cassidy	Service in William Carter School		1935
Raymond Chambers	Service in Stephen Palmer School		1950
Cornelius J. Coughlin	Service in Senior High School		1942
Robert C. Curtin	Service in Eliot School		1950
Horace Cutler	Service in Stephen Palmer School		1945
Howard R. Dakin	Service in Senior High School		1950
Frederick C. Newey	Service in Mitchell School		1934
Alfred E. Stark	Service in Junior High School		1940
Edward Stephenson	Service in Harris School		1948
Johannes TerVeen	Service in Emery Grover School		1949
Benjamin Thomas	Service in Avery School		1946
Roy Towne	Service in Senior High School		1950
Ralph VanOrnum	Service in Dwight School		1943



## Public Library

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ARTHUR S. KING      FRED G. ATCHINSON

DOROTHY M. BROWN, *Librarian*

	Employees	Budget	Expenditures
1946	8	\$29,680.01	\$23,322.22
1947	8	31,638.72	30,499.94
1948	8	29,570.91	28,014.85
1949	8	29,656.68	28,257.27
1950	7	29,093.88	27,778.22

A public library should provide service to the community of a type suited to its needs. The base of such service is still the circulation of books and magazines, despite the expanding use of many non-printed media. Circulation is easily measured. In 1950 the Needham Free Public Library had a total circulation of 134,744, an increase of 15,875 over 1949. Adult circulation was 77,005 at the Main Library and juvenile 41,142. The Branch's circulation was 16,597.

Adult reading interest is greatest in the fields of biography, art, science, and practical techniques. Borrowers are eager for books which explain the latest methods and newest materials available in practical arts subjects.

Far less easy to record and evaluate, but vitally important, is the reference work done by the Public Library, a service nowhere else available. This requires a good up to date working collection of indexes and other reference material and a librarian who knows where to find anything from the how of ink spot removal to the identification of the manufacturer of a specific product. Saying that the Library answered 3,531 reference and book selection requests in the last nine months of 1950 inadequately states the value of the service given.

Many readers need and desire skilled help in choosing the books best suited to their requirements. To render this help, the Library staff must be familiar with the contents of the books in the collection. The author's point of view, method of presenting material, the date the book was written, are all important to individual reader requirements. A knowledge of the reading public and their tastes is of great value.

Trained guidance is even more important in work with children lacking the experience and judgment of the average adult. A thorough knowledge of the book collection is essential to give children books suited to their reading ability. That the Library has been without a trained children's librarian since February unquestionably accounts for a steady decline in juvenile circulation during the



**Girl Scouts help conduct children's story hour.**

latter part of the year. After a gain of 746 in January, 1950, above January, 1949, the steady increase of the past year dropped abruptly to 87 for February (the month in which the Children's Librarian resigned) and by April showed a loss of 64. Disregarding the school deposits (which are recorded in June for the entire year and showed a gain of 4,554) there was an actual loss of 503 in circulation from the children's room during 1950.

Much of this loss has been due to the necessary abandonment of the former close cooperation with the Public Schools. The Children's Librarian visited the fourth to sixth grades of all schools twice monthly, giving library lessons and book talks, and introduced all seventh to ninth grade students to the use of the library during each school year. Story hours in kindergarten and first grade were held at two schools. With a reduced staff, the school activities which should build up interest and act as feeders to the work done at the Library cannot be carried on. The Library has failed to secure and retain a trained children's librarian primarily because the salary available is well below the minimum for library school graduates specializing in work with children.

The relative inadequacy of the salaries offered for all library positions accounts for the high turnover during recent years. At the close of 1950, the staff comprised six full-time and three part-time members. Only two have been employed longer than twenty months. Four (including three of the full-time staff) were new in 1950. Such frequent changes must increase costs and reduce efficiency of service. That the Library has increased its adult circulation in spite of this handicap is a matter for congratulation.

The Needham Square Branch was redecorated in June, 1950, and a new rubber tile floor laid. Of the total gain over 1949 in circulation, 2,425 was at the Branch which celebrated its fifth anniversary during June.

## Town Forest Committee

DR. J. WALTER SCHIRMER, *Chairman*

LESTER C. HOLLIS, *Secretary*

R. DOUGLAS LOWDEN

The project for a Needham Town Forest originated in March, 1945, when at the annual Town Meeting it was voted to purchase for the sum of \$5,242.30 the 64.82 acres of land adjoining and including the town's most historic and imposing land mark, the "High Rock".

At that time the purchase of the land and rock by an out-of-town group was under consideration for the purpose of blasting away the rock and using the material for commercial purposes.

In 1949 this forest area was increased by a gift to the town of 42.5 acres of adjoining land by a citizen plus the sum of \$500 for development of same. In 1950 a further gift of 34 acres was added by the same citizen with the provision that this area, in addition to a town forest, should permanently become a bird and wild life sanctuary, and was so accepted by the town. This was intended for the protection of our rapidly diminishing wild life and bird population which is a valuable asset in the control of insect life so destructive to agriculture and for educational and recreational purposes.

This total gift of approximately 75 acres by Dr. J. Walter Schirmer, plus the original purchase of 65 acres, makes a contiguous forest area of approximately 140 acres. In addition to this area, 60 odd acres on Charles River Street, adjoining the pumping station and owned by the town, was planted with 25,000 red pine seedlings. These have now reached the height of from 10 to 14 feet, are in excellent condition, and in the not too distant future with reasonable care and some replanting, will be of continuous profit to the town.

In the Spring of 1950, 5,000 white and red pine seedlings obtained from the state nurseries were planted in the High Rock area to supplement the hard wood growth in these woods. The average of the total of 127 town forests in Massachusetts is somewhat over 300 acres. However, excluding 2 or 3 large forest areas in some western Massachusetts cities, the average would be close to Needham's total area of about 200 acres.

In addition to the small sum of \$500 appropriated by the town for forest development, work in the forest by town employees on occasional off-season times has been of value. In addition to tree planting the most important work during the year has been the clearing of old wood roads for fire protection purposes and for the use of the public.



# T O W N O F N E E D H A M

On October 20th, 1950, the Massachusetts Forest and Park Association held its annual field day and business meeting in Needham at the invitation of the local committee. The members attending, about 35 in number, were shown the various activities incidental to our forest development and they were enthusiastic with what had been accomplished since the forest had been acquired, also with the view from High Rock. Luncheons were eaten at the fireplace, the gift of the local Rotary Club, with hot coffee furnished by the Needham committee. At the business meeting following luncheon, Dr. Schirmer was elected Chairman of the Massachusetts Forest and Park Association for the ensuing year.

There appears to be an increasing number of our citizens, especially the school children, who are making use of the forest and its value to them seems to be increasing. Its close proximity to the population center of the town and to its schools is an advantage found in few town forests.

With larger appropriations plus possible gifts from our citizens much could be done to make the Needham Town Forest, Wild Life and Bird Sanctuary an ever increasing asset from many angles to the citizens, both present and future.

**Trees like these at left will someday be a cash crop.**



## Board of Appeals

FRANCIS L. GUERTIN, *Chairman*

ENOS G. NICKERSON

ROGER W. NUTT

HERBERT L. MOORE, *Special Member*

H. MAUDE CHURCH, *Clerk*

On June 23, 1949, the duties of the Board of Appeals were enlarged to cover special permits in addition to building and zoning variances. Since that date the board has been handling requests for permission to operate gasoline service stations and garages, or to remove sand and gravel for sale, or to maintain signs, or to do the many other things which require a special permit.

During the year 1950 the board held 42 public hearings, of which 17 were devoted to zoning questions, 3 to building problems, 5 to gasoline service stations or garages, and 14 to sand, gravel or loam excavations.

With respect to these latter operations, the board wishes to stress the fact that all possible has been done and will be done to prevent removal of sand or gravel below level of surrounding terrain; that new excavations will be allowed only when necessary for development of property for residential or other valuable purposes. Even then a substantial surety bond, conditioned on strict compliance with definite conditions, will be required before permit is issued. There should not again be an opportunity to create in our town additional eye-sores such as have existed for many years and started before restrictions were imposed in the form of by-laws.

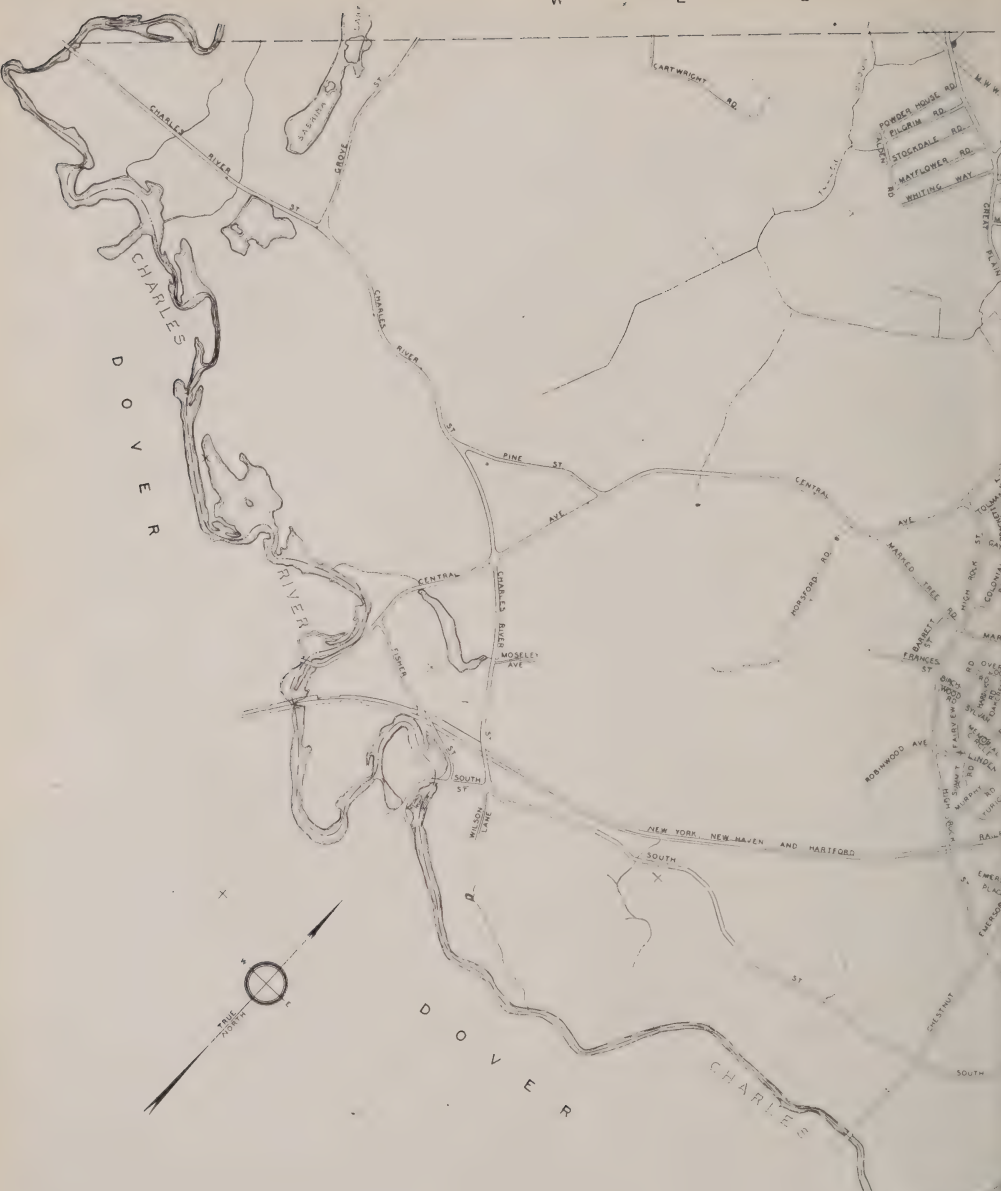
Only one decision of the board has been appealed to the superior court. That one is pending in the court at Dedham, and Town Counsel Hardy is representing the board. He has been helpful to the board in respect to the various legal problems which have developed during the year.

The board acknowledges the cooperation of the Planning Board, which is charged with the responsibility of making studies of certain matters, prior to hearings, and reporting recommendations to the Board of Appeals. The Planning Board has made constructive suggestions which have been most helpful.

At times the Building Inspector and the Police Department have been called upon to enforce the decisions of the Board of Appeals. All have cooperated to the fullest extent.

Although there are at least two sides to matters coming before the Board of Appeals, and generally the decisions cannot please *all* interested parties, the members of the board are making a sincere attempt to decide each case in accordance with the best interests of the town and in accordance with the applicable by-law. They hope their decisions will be read in the light of that intent.

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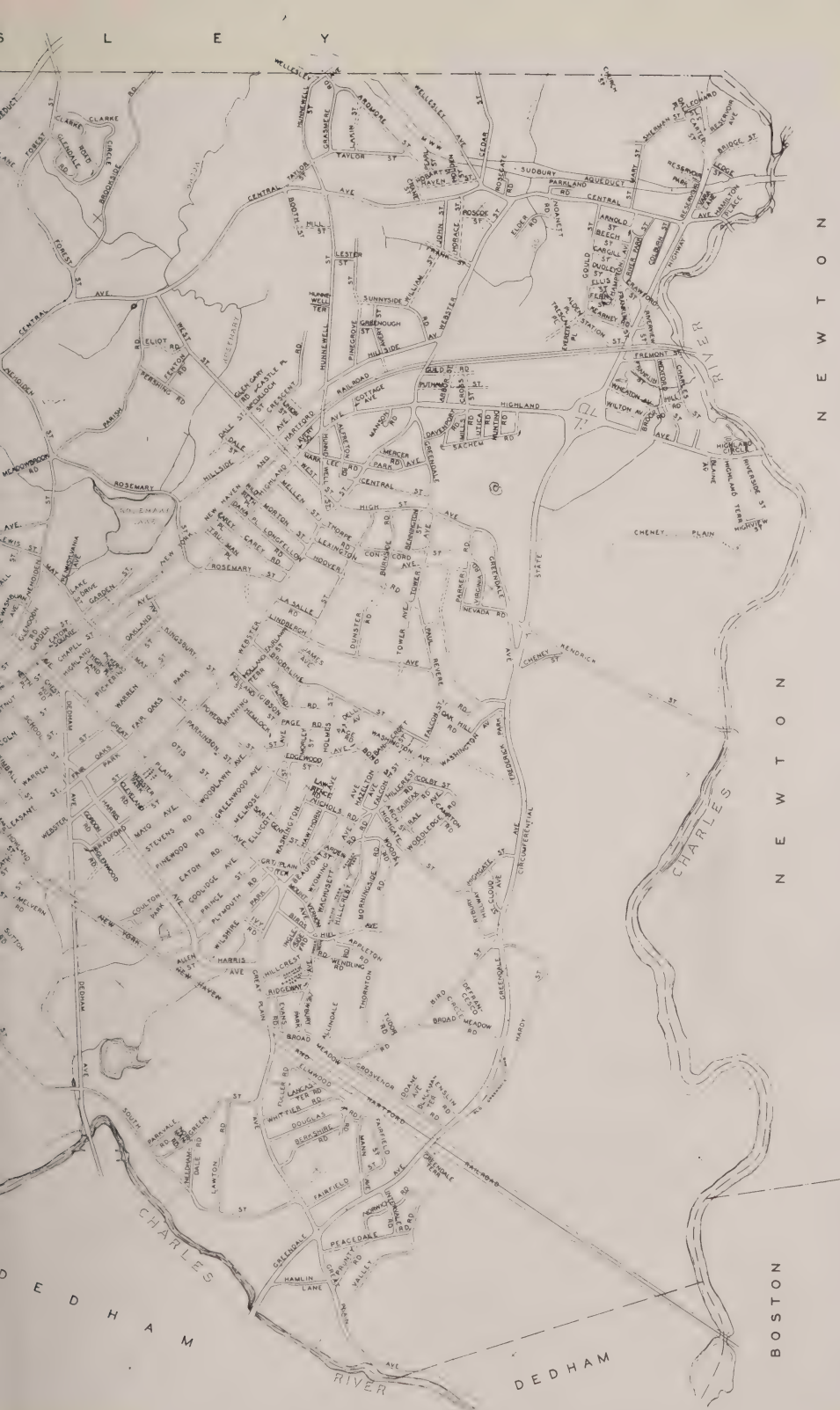


# TOWN OF NEEDHAM MASS.



MARCH 1943	FRANK L. CHENEY
MAY 1945	CIVIL ENGINEER
AUGUST 1947	PUBLIC WORKS DEPT
JAN 1949	NOV 1950
JAN 1950	
JUNE 1950	





## Inspection Department

## INSPECTORS

CLYDE E. COOKSON, *Electrical*      CHESTER E. BOSSELMAN, *Plumbing*  
 EDWIN D. KEYES, *Building*

	Employees	Budget	Expenditures	Fees Collected
1945	0	\$6,582.56	\$6,560.45	\$1,388.75
1946	0	7,316.43	7,140.73	5,263.25
1947	0	8,389.86	8,386.65	6,163.75
1948	0	8,763.51	8,641.03	6,944.00
1949	0	9,548.90	9,424.30	7,777.75
1950	1	12,104.00	11,953.90	10,821.25

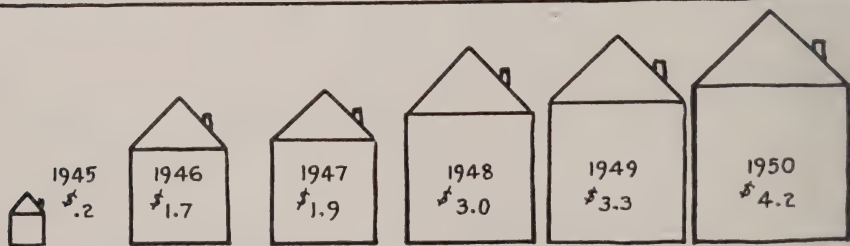
An all-time high valuation of \$4,241,913 on construction projects was reached during the year 1950 for the Town of Needham. This valuation includes new construction, alterations, additions, and repairs. Single residence permits issued also reached a new high with a total valuation of \$3,458,000 on 354 buildings. These estimates of construction costs include only the cost of labor, materials, and that part of the builders' overhead and profit chargeable directly to the construction project. The estimates do not include the price of land, sales profit, or any non-construction cost such as architectural and engineering fees.

This Department, by its supervision of building projects from the time the specifications or plans are first made until the construction is completed, protect the property owner with respect to both safety and dollar value. Repairs and alterations involving plumbing, wiring, and building also receive the same careful attention. Fees collected this year met over 90% of the Department's total cost.

## BUILDING ACTIVITY



NEW DWELLING CONSTRUCTION IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS



TOTAL CONSTRUCTION IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

## Law Department

HENRY W. HARDY, *Town Counsel*

	Budget	Expenditures
1946	\$2,850.00	\$2,256.67
1947	2,900.00	2,506.94
1948	3,050.00	2,892.80
1949	3,461.06	3,241.55
1950	3,500.00	3,366.70

The votes of the 1950 Annual Town Meeting to acquire various parcels of land for hospital, school and parking purposes, and the vote of the Special Town Meeting of October 23, 1950, to acquire a site for a new refuse disposal area required the examination and approval of several land titles.

The Town Counsel was active in the following matters: A tax lien foreclosure case in the Land Court was concluded. A personal injury claim against the Town was settled. Legal action brought on the bond of a subdivision developer who had failed to complete his streets as required was concluded when the bonding company completed the work. Another developer, against whom a similar claim had been made, completed his development according to specifications and no legal action was necessary. Collections were made on Town claims for reimbursement for welfare payments and for hospital services. Two bills were prepared on behalf of the Town for presentation to the General Court. Legal action was brought on behalf of the Town seeking to enjoin the alleged illegal use of an automobile trailer. An eminent domain action involving part of the William Mitchell School land was tried before a Superior Court jury.

During the year, the Town Counsel attended the meetings of the Board of Selectmen. He prepared or approved contracts, bonds, deeds and other legal papers required in the Town's business. He assisted in the preparation of articles for Town Meeting warrants and of motions under those articles. He rendered legal opinions, both verbal and written to various officers, boards and committees.

There are now pending the following matters in which the Town is an interested party: A tax appeal case before the Appellate Tax Board, two actions brought by the City of Boston for reimbursement in welfare cases, an action against the Town for personal injuries alleged to have resulted from a defect in a street, and two appeals from decisions of the Board of Appeals which had denied applications for a gasoline filling station and for the removal of sand and gravel for sale.



## Memorial Park Trustees

T. JAMES CROSSMAN, *Chairman*

AMOS H. SHEPHERDSON

JAMES H. WHETTON

SAMUEL D. LOW

P. BERNHARDT RICHWAGEN

	Employees		Budget and	Expenditures
	Perm.	Temp.	Special Articles	
1946	3		\$13,442.69	\$8,778.80
1947	1	6	5,520.72	5,413.86
1948	1	1	8,325.72	8,241.13
1949	1	1	7,313.97	6,324.31
1950	1	1	8,817.08	10,047.08

The major work on Memorial Park during the year 1950 was the resurfacing of the quarter-mile cinder track and the extending of the 220 yard straightaway to regulation length. The contract for furnishing the materials was let to Dennis Driscoll Co. Mr. Pike, caretaker of Memorial Park, supervised the preparation of the track, setting the curb to grade, mixing and laying the 200 cubic yards of sifted cinders and 50 yards of tennis court clay; and rolling to grade requirement. The result is a hard, fast surface that will last the town many years.

Sixty-four scheduled baseball games were played on the two baseball fields; the Senior and Junior High schools using them in the spring, the Junior Legion, C. Y. O. and DeMolay teams during the summer.

**Huge crowd watching July 4th fireworks.**



The Senior and Junior High football teams played their home games on the football field. The Boosters were given permission to erect a 30-foot steel frame tower for the purpose of taking moving pictures of the High School games.

The graduation exercises of the High School class of 1950 were held in the Park.

Needham's Fourth of July celebration was centered at Memorial Park with a day crowded with baseball, the A. A. U. track meet and traditional "Fourth" events. Because of rain, the display of fireworks was postponed until the following Saturday evening when an estimated crowd of 10,000 persons watched the fine display.

The parking area has been resurfaced with tar and sand.

The lot adjacent to the Park and Oakland Avenue, which was recently purchased by the Town, is now completely filled and is ready for loaming and landscaping.

The Needham American Legion Post 14 held their annual carnival in June and the Lt. Manson Carter Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, staged theirs in August. The Park was the scene of both events.

The two months of severe drought taxed the ability of Mr. Pike to the utmost to keep good, green turf on the fields.

The Trustees of Memorial Park wish, on behalf of the Town, to thank Paul E. Richwagen and Sons for the beautiful flowers contributed this year in continuance of their kindness of many past years. Also we thank the several departments of the Town and especially Mr. Lester Hollis, Superintendent of the Public Works Department, for their splendid cooperation with our Board.



# Board of Registrars

FRANCIS J. DONAHUE, *Chairman*

ARMSTRONG BEATTIE

MARY E. FITZGERALD

MARIAN S. PETERSON, *Ex-Officio*

	Employees		Budget	Expenditures
	Permanent	Part-Time		
1946	1	3	\$6,424.05	\$6,051.33
1947	1	3	5,627.50	5,322.45
1948	1	3	7,892.17	7,524.00
1949	1	3	6,353.80	6,130.69
1950	1	3	9,771.92	9,745.33

The year 1950 saw the inauguration of precinct voting in Needham, with the adoption of Article II at the Annual Town Election on March 13, 1950. The town was divided into six precincts of approximately 1,500 voters each, with precincts 1 and 3 voting in the Junior High School, precinct 2 in the Harris School, precinct 4 in the Congregational Church and precincts 5 and 6 in the William Carter School. Now that the new William Mitchell School is completed it is expected that precinct 6 will vote there.

It is interesting to note that at the gubernatorial election held on November 6, 1900, a total of 622 votes were cast in Needham for governor. In 1950 a total of 7,712 residents of Needham voted in the November election and when the voting lists were closed for that election the lists contained the names of 9285 registered voters. The only election to be held in 1951 is the annual Town election on Monday, March 12, 1951.

There are approximately 2,000 residents of Needham who are eligible to register to vote but have not done so. These persons are urged to register prior to the publication of the annual voting list in August, 1951. The Town Clerk's office is open for registration Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Tuesday evenings. Only persons who have been residents of Massachusetts for one year and residents of the Town of Needham for six months are eligible to register. Applicants must appear in person and all naturalized applicants must present their naturalization papers. The laws governing absentee registration and absentee voting by persons physically disabled have recently been liberalized. Under the present law, the disability must be certified in each case by a doctor, hospital superintendent, registered nurse or Christian Science practitioner on forms that can be obtained from the Town Clerk.



# Civil Defense

Under stress of the alarming international situation legislation was enacted reactivating a civilian defense organization similar to that which functioned in World War II. In accordance with the Civil Defense Emergency Act, Chapter 639, Acts of 1950, the Board of Selectmen took prompt steps for the formation of a local organization and appointed Ralph H. Gray as Director.

An Advisory Council, consisting of the Board of Selectmen, the Chiefs of the Fire and Police Departments, the Superintendent of Public Works and the Civil Defense Director, was established.

The first step in recruiting a force of volunteer workers was the mailing of questionnaires to each Needham home seeking the services of Needham citizens in eight potential divisions of activity. The response placed over one thousand names in the hands of the Advisory Council, from which about seven hundred were selected for immediate assignment, key personnel were chosen and appointments approved by the Board of Selectmen.

The organization of Needham Civil Defense was accomplished according to the following table:

## MUNICIPAL EXECUTIVES

### *Board of Selectmen*

Emery S. Doane	George M. Pond	Edward J. Stewart
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DIRECTOR — Ralph H. Gray

### ADVISORY COUNCIL

<i>Police</i> .....	Thomas H. Welch	<i>Red Cross</i> .....	Leslie H. Wicken
<i>Fire</i> .....	Richard M. Salamone	<i>Wardens</i> .....	Stewart B. Johnston
<i>Public Works</i> .....	Lester C. Hollis	<i>Medical</i> .....	Dr. David E. Mann
<i>Communications</i> , Louis H. Flanders, Jr.		<i>Technological</i> .....	E. P. Hamilton

### DEPUTY DIRECTORS

<i>Public Works</i> .....	Russell J. Rice	<i>Wardens</i> .....	Charles B. McIntosh
<i>Medical</i> .....	Earl W. Richwagen	<i>Technological</i> .....	Ridgley B. Sheperd
<i>Communications</i> , A. Swinton McLean		<i>Public Relations</i> , Clayton A. Fairbanks	
<i>Plant Protection and Special Services</i> — Charles W. Creaser			

### ASSISTANT DEPUTY DIRECTORS

<i>Police Auxiliary</i> , Eldon W. Moulton	<i>Communications</i> .....	Wilson E. Burgess
<i>Fire Auxiliary</i> , J. Charles Nute, Jr.	<i>Communications</i> .....	James M. Henry

The first field exercise was carried out on the afternoon of October 12, 1950 and was a mutual aid service to the town of Framingham. This exercise included training of personnel for emergency mobilization with equipment and vehicles for convoy movement. About three hundred members of the volunteer group and one hundred vehicles responded to the audible signal and proceeded in orderly convoy to Framingham. Despite most unfavorable weather conditions this exercise was carried out in efficient and orderly fashion.

Following the President's proclamation of a national emergency the Needham Civil Defense caused to be issued to each Needham home the standard and official publications "Protection from the Atomic Bomb" and "If Enemy Planes Attack", in which full details of warning signals and personal protection were given. In addition a 16-mm motion picture film entitled "You Can Beat the A-Bomb" was purchased and more than thirty presentations have been made before local clubs and organizations. Use of this film may be obtained by calling Civil Defense Headquarters.

After surveying all possibilities, space in the Emery Grover School was selected for the permanent headquarters of Civil Defense and permission for occupancy was secured from the School Committee. Plans for necessary alterations have been drawn and necessary materials ordered. These quarters will provide for a complete communication system of telephone and radio augmenting that of the Police and Fire Departments.

Plans are being made for manning observation services and it is expected that personnel for this will be provided by members of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Other services will be staffed by members of local women's associations including the junior group, the latter having volunteered services of its members as baby sitters for those desiring to attend training classes.

Federal estimates place the initial and continuing expenditures for the establishment of local Civil Defense at a per capita cost of \$2.25 and \$.80 respectively. Application of this formula to Needham would mean an expense of \$40,000 for the first year and \$14,000 for succeeding years. To date Needham Civil Defense has received and will expend \$5,500. The budget for 1951 is estimated at \$10,000. This compares favorably with the budget of \$23,000 appropriated for Civil Defense in 1941-1942.

Acknowledgement is made of the splendid cooperation afforded by the townspeople, municipal department heads and particularly to the technical and specialist volunteers whose assistance, time and effort are proving invaluable to our concerted efforts to provide maximum protection at a minimum cost.

(Photo by L. T. Welsh)



Mutual aid  
convoy arriv  
at Framingh

# Planning Board

LAWRENCE D. WALKER, *Chairman*

EVA H. CHURCHILL, *Secretary*

CLAYTON L. HOLDEN

RICHARD D. BURNHAM

BENJAMIN MILLS, JR.

	Part-Time Employees	Budget	Expenditures
1946	1	\$ 562.00	\$ 417.17
1947	1	410.00	408.92
1948	1	666.00	650.58
1949	1	1,875.00	1,163.10
1950	1	965.00	1,204.98

The year 1950 has passed and in reviewing the work of the Planning Board, it has been another busy year. A summary of the Board's activities for the past year is as follows: 47 weekly meetings, 34 advertised public hearings, 50 appointments for consideration and advice to citizens, 27 recommendations to Board of Appeals, 12 street profiles approved, 6 sub-divisions approved, 1 resubdivision approved, 2 private ways abandoned (Cornish Road and part of Franklin Street), 4 changes of names of private ways, 1 change of name denied, 6 press releases, and 7 articles of Planning Board sponsorship in March warrant were approved by the Attorney General.

The Planning Board has established a general policy regarding sand and gravel operations in town. Sand and gravel shall be removed and sold: (1) as a business operation only after strict grades and limitations have been established by the Town engineer and after a public hearing or (2) as a secondary operation in connection with a subdivision plan only, in accordance with submitted plans and under strict control of the enforcing officer and after a public hearing. It is hoped that future boards will uphold this policy and curb the desire on the part of some individuals to convert Needham into a sandpit. Needham is one of the most desirable residential communities outside of Greater Boston, and it is the desire of the Planning Board to keep it a community of which the residents will be proud.

At the State Regional Planning Board meetings our board has had a representative in attendance. The reports brought back have been extremely helpful, and suggestions gained at these meetings have been adopted and have proven worth the time spent in attendance.

After two years of study, the off-street parking lots were adopted by the town meeting of March, 1950. The installation of parking meters, also a recom-





### **Chestnut street lot provides free off-street parking.**

mendation of the Planning Board, is being made as this report is written. These meters will help defray the cost of off-street parking and, if managed properly, will furnish revenue to meet the cost of maintenance of the meters and of the parking lots. Other off-street parking lots are being considered. The Board is carefully watching the present off-street parking facilities before making further recommendations at the 1951 March town meeting.

The Board has made its annual revision of the Town Map and copies of the latest printing are available for distribution to interested parties.

As required, a study of the town finances was made and an eleven-year analysis was published and furnished to all town offices, boards and committees.

Suggestions of the Planning Board for a town refuse disposal area have been carried out by a committee appointed to re-study the project, and a new area is underway for an up-to-date disposal area which will use the sanitary fill method of refuse disposal.

Mr. H. Kent Crabtree found it necessary to resign from the Board and his support and suggestions, which were an asset to the work of the Board, have been missed. To fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Crabtree's resignation, Mr. Richard D. Burnham was appointed to fill this unexpired term at a joint meeting of the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen.

Although the national emergency may necessitate further restrictions in building and may result in a fewer number of new subdivisions, it is expected that 1951 will be an active year for the Planning Board.

# Board of Assessors

ARTHUR H. GODFREY, *Principal Assessor*

EARL W. RICHWAGEN, *Secretary*

A. STERLING HOLT

	Employees	Budget	Expenditures
1946	2	\$11,295.72	\$ 9,698.63
1947	2	14,232.15	10,970.13
1948	2	14,266.13	13,015.46
1949	2	12,906.29	12,031.21
1950	2	12,769.57	12,204.84

Since the close of World War II Needham has experienced a more rapid growth than in any period in its history. The year 1950, therefore, seems to be an appropriate time to submit for comparison figures showing the growth of our Town since the turn of the century, as reflected in the Assessors' records.

Years	1900	1925	1950
Number of Polls .....	1,136	2,612	5,254
Tax on Polls .....	\$2,272.00	\$5,224.00	\$10,508.00
Value of Personal Estate .....	208,140.00	1,877,393.00	1,709,800.00
Tax on Personal Estate .....	3,921.96	60,076.58	64,972.40
Value of Real Estate .....	3,142,945.00	13,814,450.00	35,060,175.00
Tax on Real Estate .....	43,912.33	442,062.40	1,332,286.65
Value of Motor Vehicles .....	(Included in)	(Included in)	4,430,920.00
Tax on Motor Vehicles .....	(Personal)	(Personal)	151,285.51
Tax Rate .....	14.00	32.00	38.00
Town Appropriations .....	48,720.04	510,915.09	2,317,579.08
State Tax and Assessments .....	1,785.00	39,269.26	47,917.28
County Tax and Hospital Assessments .....	2,921.88	21,133.43	76,615.53
Overlay .....	478.11	9,296.86	20,054.15
Total to be raised .....	53,905.03	580,614.64	2,462,166.04
Estimated Receipts—State .....	3,500.00	(Town & State)	242,476.47
Estimated Receipts—Town .....	298.74	(63,888.59)	811,922.52
Total Amount raised by Taxation..	50,106.29	516,726.05	1,407,767.05
Number of Houses .....	880	2,012	4,307
Population .....	4,016	9,063	16,262

## RECAPITULATION - 1950

Town Appropriations (Voted by Town Meetings) .....	\$2,317,579.08
State Tax and Assessments .....	47,917.28
County Tax and Hospital Assessments .....	76,615.53
Overlay .....	20,054.15
Gross Amount to be Raised .....	\$2,462,166.04

## ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Town (All revenue derived from Water Department, Hospital, Motor Vehicle Excise, etc.) ....	\$549,100.47	
Income Tax (Collected by State and returned to the Town) .....	113,472.07	
Corporation Tax (Collected by State, etc.) .....	124,843.17	
Meals Tax (Collected by State, etc.) .....	1,860.28	
	\$789,275.99	
Available Funds (From Excess and Deficiency Account; Unexpended balances from previous year) .....	\$262,822.05	
Overestimates of 1949 (State) .....	2,300.95	
	\$265,123.00	\$1,054,398.99
\$1,407,767.05 to be raised by taxation on Poll Taxes, Personal and Real Estate Taxes (levied and collected by Town)		
Tax Rate .....	\$38.00 per \$1,000.00	
Poll Taxes, 5,254 at \$2.00 (levied against all males 20 years and older, with certain exceptions) ..	\$10,508.00	
Personal Property, \$1,709,800.00 x \$38.00 (Taxes levied against personal property) .....	64,972.40	
Real Estate, \$35,060,175.00 x \$38.00 (Taxes levied against real estate) .....	1,332,286.65	1,407,767.05
		\$2,462,166.04

## SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

### Apportionments added to Taxes:

Sewer .....	\$10,646.22	
Sewer House Connections .....	5,262.47	
Sidewalk .....	297.72	
Street .....	6,965.17	
Water Liens .....	459.66	\$23,631.24



## Recreation Committee

HELEN B. RICHWAGEN, *Chairman*

BEATRICE A. WOOD, *Vice-Chairman*

ROBERT C. SLACK, *Secretary*

JOHN B. DOLAN, *From School Committee*

P. BERNHARDT RICHWAGEN, *From Memorial Park Trustees*

	Employees		Budget	Expenditures
	Perm.	Temp.		
1946	32		\$ 9,820.30	\$ 9,092.63
1947	48		15,135.69	14,887.63
1948	45		14,245.54	13,793.44
1949	26	15	14,701.93	14,647.63
1950	26	15	15,861.00	15,787.57

The proper amount of recreation being the basis of a well-rounded personality is a fact which the people of Needham have wisely accepted as a truism, and which they have just as wisely decided to incorporate into their daily existence. On the above assumption, the Needham Recreation Commission has established here a series of diversified activities which, year after year, has met with the public's approval. The year 1950 was no exception to this record of achievement as, once again, the program has been met with increased satisfaction.

Last summer, the registration at Rosemary Beach reached 3,102, with the total attendance of 24,849 topping all previous records. This latter figure includes the youthful visitors from Boston Settlement Houses, the Fourth of July celebrators, and the boy and girl members of local Scout organizations. Gate receipts returned to the Town as reimbursement against the money spent on salaries and necessary repairs amounted to \$882.30. The recent improvements at the beach, including the extended dock and the new catwalk, were invaluable aids to the beach supervisors and swimming instructors. The charming water ballets presented, the courses given in swimming and life saving instructions, and the fine picnic area available are only a few of the many reasons contributing toward the ever-growing popularity of Rosemary Beach as a resort area.

The playgrounds, as usual, provided sessions of instructive amusements, all carefully supervised by a group of selected attendants. The summer program consisted of various activities such as craft work and inter-playground tournaments. More teams were organized this year than ever before with rewarding success, as team against team taught a spirit of true American sportsmanship. Craft work, organized in 1949, was a most popular activity. Plastics and wood-working, button jewelry fashioning, metal, leather, and gimp work, basket weaving, and pipe-cleaner craft, all massed under the general heading of craft work, brought to the town returns of \$235.74 and were enjoyed by many of the 1,454 children registered at the playgrounds during the season. The total attendance at



**Playground champions for 1950 receive trophies.**

**(Photo by L. T. Welsh)**

the six playgrounds during the summer of 1950 was recorded as 41,823.

Once again, the various Parent-Teachers' Associations and Mothers' and Teachers' Clubs assisted the Recreation Committee in arranging the annual Hallowe'en parties in all of the schools, with children of all ages being accommodated. Parties and dances were held in each neighborhood and proved to be so entertaining that reports of destructive mischief were negligible.

In answer to increased demands for more women's recreation, the Recreation Committee has recently inaugurated a new series, for women only, under the direction of Miss Dorothy Haffey. The classes, held weekly at the Senior High School gymnasium, consist of instructions in exercising to music, basketball, and square, modern, and tap dancing. A basketball team was organized, with practice games played with women's clubs of various communities. This newest activity has succeeded in building up a devoted following among the women of town, all of whom enjoy the benefits derived from social contacts and from the physical training exercises so conducive to good health.

The Recreation Committee is happy to report the success of its program which strives to find wholesome and pleasant activities for the citizens of Needham, regardless of age.

## Public Welfare

WILLIAM A. MANN, *Chairman*

MEYER J. GORDON

EARL ALBAN

CATHERINE L. LARSON

REV. HAROLD H. CRAMER

ZELLA M. MANN, *Agent*

	Employees	Budget	Expenditures
1948	4	\$85,754.88	\$114,240.82
	U. S. Grant	37,279.32	37,279.32
1949	4	93,376.01	118,080.88
	U. S. Grant	43,168.61	43,168.61
1950	4	93,736.38	121,989.53
	U. S. Grant	43,666.56	43,666.56

### THE WHO OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

If circumstances warrant it, Dependent Aid (general relief) is granted for temporary aid to those who cannot qualify for Old Age Assistance or Aid to Dependent Children. Old Age Assistance is based upon *need* and is *not* a *pension* or a *gratuity*. It is provided only to those who do not have from other sources funds sufficient to provide for the necessities of life and health. The amount of the grant given depends upon the circumstances and the need in each individual case. Aid to Dependent Children is rendered to a dependent child, which term may be broadly defined as a child under the age of 16 who has been deprived of parental support through death, absence, incapacity of a parent, or who is living in a private home maintained by an immediate relative.

### THE HOW OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

The public assistance program offers the following forms of service: first, a determination as to the eligibility of the applicants to receive a money payment; second, a helping hand to point out and utilize other resources that are available to applicants; third, a joint search for other services and solutions for applicants who have no personal resources and yet do not meet eligibility requirements for public assistance; and fourth, a continuing responsibility to help recipients of public assistance to make the maximum use of their individual capacities to maintain or regain a self-dependent status as productive members of society.

The common element in the three categories of the assistance program is the standard by which need is determined and measured.

### THE WHY OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Some of the more obvious reasons for the public assistance program are the increased costs of living in recent years, industry's policy of early retirement that is arbitrarily related to chronological age rather than productive capacity, the lack of extensive employment opportunities for persons over the age of 65, the



rising percentage of persons in the population that are 65 years of age or over, the limited coverage of the social insurance programs to which persons contribute during their productive years for their individual retirements, conditions of unemployment which affect not only the aged but also the relatives who customarily contribute to the support of these persons, broken homes and high divorce and separation rates, and instances of chronic illness of the wage earner, especially those aged 65 and over.

**1950 BUDGET**

<b>Dependent Aid (General Relief)</b> .....	<b>\$17,500.00</b>
<b>Old Age Assistance</b> .....	<b>58,000.00</b>
<b>Aid to Dependent Children</b> .....	<b>11,000.00</b>
<b>Salaries</b> .....	<b>6,419.38</b>
<b>Expenses</b> .....	<b>817.00</b>
	<b>\$93,736.38</b>

There has been an upward trend for the past three years in our total case load, principally reflected in the General Relief case load and expenditures.

<b>Dependent Aid totalled</b> .....	<b>30 cases</b>	<b>( 49 persons)</b>
<b>Old Age Assistance</b> .....	<b>144 cases</b>	<b>(144 persons)</b>
<b>Aid to Dependent Children</b> .....	<b>10 cases</b>	<b>( 28 persons)</b>

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During 1950, we have lost by death or transfer 41 cases and have received and investigated 38 new applications, of which 7 were rejected or withdrawn.

Expenses authorized by the Board of Public Welfare in 1950:

	Expended	Federal Grant	Net	State and Other Reimbursement	Final Net
<b>D A</b> .....	<b>\$16,585.53</b>		<b>\$16,585.53</b>	<b>\$6,734.97</b>	<b>\$9,850.56</b>
<b>A D C</b> .....	<b>8,572.56</b>	<b>\$2,990.48</b>	<b>5,582.08</b>	<b>3,525.41</b>	<b>2,056.67</b>
<b>O A A</b> .....	<b>86,060.52</b>	<b>35,519.08</b>	<b>50,541.44</b>	<b>36,611.55</b>	<b>13,929.89</b>
<b>Expenses</b> .....	<b>1,300.98</b>	<b>741.34</b>	<b>559.64</b>		<b>559.64</b>
<b>Salaries</b> .....	<b>9,469.94</b>	<b>4,415.66</b>	<b>5,054.28</b>		<b>5,054.28</b>

Cost of Services to clients included in above:

<b>Physicians of clients' choice</b> .....	<b>\$4,075.25</b>
<b>Medicines and prescriptions</b> .....	<b>2,196.62</b>
<b>Nursing Home costs</b> .....	<b>7,444.76</b>
<b>Hospitals</b> .....	<b>6,837.91</b>
<b>X-Rays, Clinics, Special Treatments</b> .....	<b>697.72</b>
<b>Visiting Nurse</b> .....	<b>679.50</b>
	<b>\$21,931.76</b>

A part of the work and endeavor of Public Welfare is the rehabilitation of needy persons to which we do not have the time with a restricted staff to devote sufficient attention. There is a real satisfaction in having a part in helping someone to become more useful to himself and to become an asset to the community. The things we can do with a relatively small investment in service can pay large dividends. What we would like to accomplish is to *add life to years*, now that our scientists and doctors have *added years to life*.

## Highlights of Committees

### DWIGHT SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

At the Annual Town Meeting in March, 1950, a committee of five was appointed by the Moderator to construct an addition to the Dwight School Building and to purchase the original furnishings with an appropriation of \$104,000.00 as voted by the Town under Article 57.

The committee was organized April 1, 1950, and Mr. William G. Upham was selected as architect.

Plans were drawn, specifications written, and bids of the general contractors were opened August 23, 1950. The low bid of \$119,402.00 was in excess of the \$104,000.00 appropriation; thus all bids were rejected.

The committee and architect immediately made further studies and revised the plans and specifications in the hope of securing a bid within the appropriation. September 26, 1950, was the date set for readvertising bids, with the bid opening scheduled for October 16, 1950. This plan allowed time for the committee to go before the Special Town Meeting, October 23, 1950, to seek supplementary funds in order to award the contract.

In the meantime, on September 19, 1950, a fire occurred in the Dwight School. Plans for restoring the fire damage were worked out at a meeting September 22, 1950, between the Selectmen, School Committee, Finance Committee, Dwight School Building Committee and Town Counsel.

The scheduled bid opening October 16, 1950, for the addition to Dwight School also included an allowance for the alterations and repairs to the school. The low bid for the combined project was \$168,210.00.

At the Special Town Meeting, October 23, 1950, a supplementary amount of \$25,000.00 was appropriated for the addition; \$55,000.00 was appropriated for the alterations and repairs; \$7,000.00 was appropriated for repair and replacement of furniture and equipment damaged or destroyed in the fire.

It was voted that these appropriations be expended by the Dwight School Addition Building Committee.

On October 30, 1950, James S. Smith Company, Inc., of Newton was awarded the contract for this project.

On November 10, 1950, in conformance with Town by-laws, bids were opened for repair work on the roof framing of Dwight School. James S. Smith Company, Inc., was awarded this contract, also.

By press notices, announcements and official report, the people of Needham have been and will continue to be informed of the progress of the addition and the alterations and repair work on the Dwight School.

The Dwight School Addition Building Committee consists of Frederic L. Glover, H. Wesley Kent, Sidney Stewart, Helen E. White, secretary, and Henry D. Hersey, chairman.

## COMMITTEE ON TOWN HALL ACCOMMODATIONS FINDINGS

The present Town Hall was built in 1902 when Needham's population was approximately 4,000 and the assessed valuation was \$3,750,000. Present population is approximately 17,000 and assessed valuation exceeds \$32,000,000.

Town Hall basement is utilized for Welfare, Health, Inspection, Accounting and Engineering Departments. In addition, the Planning Board and the Finance Committee hold their evening meetings in the offices of the Inspection Department and Town Accountant, respectively.

Conditions of light and air in the Town Hall basement are definitely unsuited for office work.

Veterans' Services and the Needham Housing Authority are utilizing office space in the Police Station.

Even with the foregoing use of available space, there exists a deficiency of 1800 square feet presently to provide adequate and efficient office space for the Town Officers.

Provisions for safe storage and for protection against fire of vital and irreplaceable Town records are most inadequate.

To permit abandonment of the Town Hall basement and to house adequately the Town Officers and Departments, 4,400 square feet of additional office space is required.

## PRIMARY RECOMMENDATION

An addition to the Town Hall to be erected on the northerly side of the present building. Such addition to have outside dimensions of 70' by 54', two stories and a basement, making available 4,400 square feet of office space on the first and second stories exclusive of the space necessary for hallways, stairways, rest rooms and fireproof vaults.

That the Selectmen insert an article in the Warrant, for Town Meeting action on appropriating \$3,500 for the use of a new Committee in preparing preliminary plans and drawings for an addition to the Town Hall.

## ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATION NO. 1 FOR TEMPORARY RELIEF

Consideration be given to acquiring and renovating the property heretofore occupied by the Needham Chronicle, containing 6,100 square feet, across Chapel Street at the westerly end of the Town Hall.



At the end of its usefulness, this property presumably could be sold without substantial loss to the town.

ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATION NO. 2 FOR  
TEMPORARY RELIEF

That space be rented adjacent to Needham Square as an office for the Welfare Department.

**COMMITTEE FOR THE STUDY OF PUBLIC REFUSE DISPOSAL**

BENJAMIN MILLS, *Chairman*

Three articles appeared in the warrant for the 1950 town meeting pertaining to new facilities for the disposal of rubbish. These articles covered the purchase of a plot of land off Central Avenue, a right-of-way to this land, and the purchase of equipment for use in the dump area. However, after considerable discussion it was voted that the matter be referred to a committee of at least seven members; that said committee study the problems involved in the location, use, equipment, and regulation of a new town dump. The first problem confronting this committee was the selection of a site which would be easily accessible, remote from main traveled highways, have an adequate area with ample available earth for refuse cover, and have a low first cost.

Many prospective sites within the town limits were investigated. The land finally chosen as most suitable was owned by Laura N. Chamberlain and is located on the opposite side of Central Avenue from the present town dump some six hundred feet west of Central Avenue. The committee then carefully considered the objections of the opponents of this site. The construction of the disposal area, the operation of the facilities, and the cost of the property and equipment were a few of the other problems confronted.

As a result of the work of this committee there were four articles in the warrant for the Special Town Meeting on Monday, October 23, 1950 which pertained to a public disposal area. These articles were all favorably acted upon at that time. They provided for the purchase of the land off Central Avenue, the purchase of a right-of-way to this land, the establishment of a refuse disposal area on this land, and the appropriation of money for the purchase of equipment.

**HIGH ROCK SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

IRVING H. COWDREY, *Chairman*

At the annual town meeting of March, 1950 a committee was authorized to develop plans for a new elementary school to be built near the recently constructed veterans' housing group. Visits to numerous new schools and consultation with several architects led to the selection of Howard S. Rich and Herman F. Tucker, associate architects, for the preparation of plans and specifications.

A preliminary report of progress was presented to the town at the special town meeting in October, 1950. Advertisement for bids was made on January 4, 1951; the lowest bidder, C. A. Burns and Sons Co. was selected as general contractor.

The architecture of the building will not conform to the style hitherto used in the public buildings of the Town; rather will it be in line with the modern trend in school architecture. An especially new feature will be the use of directional-light glass block in a large portion of the exterior walls of the classrooms. The committee feels that the building will embody the operational features essential to the present trends in methods of education.

It was hoped that the building would be ready for occupancy by January 1, 1952, but present labor and materials conditions are creating some doubt as to the fulfillment of these expectations.

### **WILLIAM MITCHELL SCHOOL**

This new elementary school building, the first of a group authorized by Town Meetings in 1949 and 1950, and which was under construction throughout the current year, was dedicated with appropriate exercises on December 30, 1950, and three days thereafter was put into use by the School Department.

Already a total of 246 children are enrolled, and if need be this enrollment can be materially increased without impairment of service or taxing facilities. This is possible because of provisions made for emergency seating by its Building Committee, in class-rooms of ample size, excess toilet and cafeteria equipment, extra desks and chairs.

Interested parents and citizens in general have been generous in their praise of the beauty of the structure both exterior and interior, and the completeness of its equipment.

More than one half of the eight and one-third acres, allotted to the Mitchell School, have been graded and landscaped with appropriated funds, providing ample play area for the pupils. The remaining land will provide for future school building enlargements, which will undoubtedly be required within a few years, and for a general athletic field, whenever authorized by Town Meeting.

Needham's investment in this school property will total close to \$470,000.00.

### **BROADMEADOW SCHOOL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

A committee, consisting of representatives of the Moderator, the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, Planning Board, Recreation Committee, School Committee, as well as the Taxpayers' Association and the Public School Association was appointed in accordance with Article 11 of the Special Town Meeting

of October 23, 1950 to "obtain plans, specifications working drawings and advice relative to the construction of a new elementary school building on the land on Broadmeadow Road".

Since its first weekly meeting on December 6, 1950, this Committee has contacted the office of the Massachusetts School Building Commission relative to procedure for obtaining state aid for the project and interviewed several of the leading architects of this area. It has unanimously selected Hugh Stubbins, Jr. in association with Kilham, Hopkins, Greeley and Brodie.

The Committee, realizing the importance of good planning, is proceeding with care in the development of the preliminary plans so that maximum class room space per dollar may be obtained. For this reason, the preliminary plans will not be ready for consideration by the Annual Town Meeting in 1951. An article will be in the warrant recommending that the committee be continued so that preliminary plans may be completed. A full report will be submitted to the town when this has been accomplished.

The Committee consists of the following citizens: Mrs. Emma B. Bailey, Miss Eva Churchill, A. Victor Gilfoy, Charles Hall, Jr., Harold A. Page, Karl W. Richards, Paul B. Richwagen, Weldon Welfling, Secretary, and J. Samuel Slicer, Jr., Chairman.

### **FUTURE SCHOOL NEEDS**

The Town Meeting of March 1950, established under Article 62, a committee of nine to continue the study of future school needs. The committee was organized with Mr. Stanley F. Teele as its chairman.

In this brief report we would like to outline some of the actions taken by this committee, and to call attention to a more comprehensive report which will have reached all Town Meeting Members by publication date.

Land for a school in the Broadmeadow area had been acquired by the town on recommendation of the predecessor committee. Article 11 of the Special Town Meeting of October 23, 1950, sponsored by this committee, established a committee of nine "to obtain plans, specifications, working drawings and advice relative to the construction of a new elementary school building on the land off Broadmeadow Road".

In view of the recognized needs of the town for further school facilities this committee sponsored Article 12 of the Special Town Meeting of October 23, 1950, under which the Selectmen would petition the General Court for legislation "authorizing the Town to borrow up to \$500,000 in excess of the Town's legal debt limit for the purpose of constructing elementary school buildings".

The committee, on the findings of its sub-committee for location of future school sites, has discussed and studied the merits of acquiring a piece of land



owned by the estate of Mary Vitto, for a future school on Webster Street in the Eliot School district.

The Chairman of this sub-committee has made arrangements with Mr. Peter Sustillio for the possible purchase of this land, and an article is being prepared for the Warrant of the 1951 Annual Town Meeting to see if the Town will acquire this land.

The committee recommends that the extension of elementary school facilities be carried out in the order suggested by its predecessor committee, and that definite steps be taken to provide for additional accommodations for pupils in the Junior High School. Without additional facilities the situation in that school will be acute by 1953, and impossible by 1954. The committee recommends that definite steps be taken toward the solution of this problem at the 1952 Annual Town Meeting. This committee's recommendations for increasing the Junior High School facilities will be included in its report to the 1951 Annual Town Meeting.

Committee members: Stanley F. Teele, Chairman; Emma B. Bailey, Secretary; Robert G. Bleakney, Miss Eva Churchill, Frederick L. Glover, Dr. Elbert S. Godfrey, Amos Hamburger, Guy P. Jones, William G. Regan.

## Contributory Retirement Board

HAROLD A. SMITH, *Chairman*

FRANK L. CHENEY, *Secretary*      MELVILLE W. GRANT, *Town Accountant*

At the present time there are over 300 members in the Contributory Retirement System and 43 pensioners on the retired list.

The Town's contribution to the Pension Fund, estimated by the State at \$31,835, plus the contributions from the active members have been invested by the Retirement Board in the following stocks and bonds: U. S. Government bonds \$60,198.44, railroad bonds \$55,858.00, public utility bonds \$62,449.05, telephone bonds \$42,821.16, legal industrial bonds \$5,076.24, cooperative bank shares \$4,000.00, bank stocks \$16,937.50, and deposits in savings banks \$32,000.00, making a total of \$279,340.39.

Interest on the members' deductions is paid at the rate established by the Division of Insurance, which was 2.7% in 1950.

The law governing member survivor allowance was amended in 1950 under Option D. Should a member die before being retired, or within 30 days after date of retirement, the husband or wife nominated as beneficiary may elect within 60 days whether to take a cash refund or a retirement allowance under Option D.

# Town Officers

1950-1951  
ELECTED

## MODERATOR

Samuel H. Wragg

## SELECTMEN

Emery S. Doane, *Chairman*  
George M. Pond, *Vice-Chairman* Edward J. Stewart, *Secretary*

## TOWN CLERK

Marian S. Peterson

## ASSESSORS

Arthur H. Godfrey, 1952, *Chairman*  
Earl W. Richwagen, 1951, *Secretary* A. Sterling Holt, 1953

## TOWN TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR

Arnold Mackintosh, 1953

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

William A. Mann, 1952, *Chairman*  
Catherine L. Larson, 1951 Earl Alban, 1951  
Meyer J. Gordon, 1952 Harold H. Cramer, 1953

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

W. Bigelow Hall, 1952, *Chairman*  
Barbara M. Page, 1951 Ruth E. Steere, 1951  
Charles E. Greene, 1952 John Barr Dolan, 1953  
Raymond F. Bosworth, 1953

## TRUSTEES OF MEMORIAL PARK

Thomas J. Crossman, 1951, *Chairman*  
Amos H. Shepherdson, 1952 James H. Whetton, 1952  
Samuel D. Low, 1953 Paul B. Richwagen, 1953

## TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

Harry W. Kimball, 1952, *Chairman*  
Marion L. Johnson, 1952, *Vice-Chairman* Helen B. Eastman, 1951  
Fred G. Atchinson, 1951 Arthur L. King, 1953  
Laura G. Willgoose, 1953

## BOARD OF HEALTH

David E. Mann, 1953, *Chairman*  
Kenneth Christophe, 1951, *Secretary* Leslie B. Cutler, 1952

## TOWN PLANNING BOARD

Lawrence D. Walker, 1954, *Chairman*  
H. Kent Crabtree, 1951\* Clayton L. Holden, 1952  
Eva H. Churchill, 1953, *Secretary* Benjamin Mills, Jr., 1955  
Richard D. Burnham\*\*

## NEEDHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY

John B. Moseley, 1954, *Chairman*  
Wilbar Whittemore, 1951 Harold B. Putnam, 1951  
Guy S. Langstroth, 1953 (appointed by State)  
Robert W. S. Cox, 1955

## COMMISSIONERS OF TRUST FUNDS

Vernal E. Kezer, 1951  
Amos H. Shepherdson, 1952 Roger W. Nutt, 1953

## RECREATION COMMISSION

Helen B. Richwagen, 1952, *Chairman*  
Beatrice A. Wood, 1951, *Vice-Chairman* Robert C. Slack, 1953, *Secretary*

## CONSTABLES

Frank J. Reinhardt, Jr.  
William W. Hewett

\* Resigned

\*\*Appointed to fill vacancy

# T O W N O F N E E D H A M

## ANNUAL REPORT COMMITTEE

Herbert M. Johnson, *Chairman*  
Edward W. Y. Dunn  
Allan M. Cate  
George H. Krech  
Kenneth W. Webb

Halbert E. Pierce, Jr.  
Rodney Harris, Jr.  
Lewis G. Eaton  
Raymond C. Pardy  
Walter F. Kammler

Richard B. Sanders, *Ex-officio*

## TOWN AGENTS

Emery S. Doane

Edward J. Stewart  
George M. Pond

## MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK

James H. Whetton  
Frederick A. Whetton

## PUBLIC WEIGHERS

James Gilleran  
Ralph T. Woodcock  
Betty Rosenkrans  
Lawrence Shields  
Albert Ravinski  
Ernest Lyons

James H. Whetton  
John J. Whetton  
Frederick A. Whetton  
Edmund Cusack  
Thelma B. Clough  
Creste Nardone  
Albert McNamara  
Richard L. Nims  
Nicholas A. O'Brien  
Neil E. Burgess  
John Tresca

## APPOINTED

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Robert J. Latham, 1951  
Elmer H. Everett, 1952  
Conrad W. Frykberg, 1952  
Everett C. Cross, 1953

Blake H. Field, 1951, *Chairman*  
Evan C. Thorpe, 1951  
John V. Phelan, 1952  
Daniel H. Rider, 1953  
James H. Noonan, 1953

### TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Melville W. Grant, 1952

### TRUSTEES OF GLOVER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Carleton D. Morse, 1951  
Allan M. Cate, 1952  
M. Helen Fox, 1952, *Secretary*  
Herbert F. Stevenson, 1953

Cyril N. Angel, 1951, *Chairman*  
David O'Leary, Jr., 1951  
George A. Potter, 1952  
Eunice H. Milliken, 1953  
Samuel S. Hall, 1953

### REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Mary E. Fitzgerald, 1952  
Marian S. Peterson, *Ex-Officio*

Francis J. Donahue, 1951, *Chairman*  
Armstrong Beattie, 1953

### TOWN COUNSEL

Henry W. Hardy

### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Lester C. Hollis, *Superintendent*

### DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS

Roger G. Oakman, *Water and Sewer*

Frank L. Cheney, *Engineering*

### ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER AND SEWER

Edmund A. Symonds

### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Derwood A. Newman

### AGENT FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Zella M. Mann

### HEALTH OFFICER AND INSPECTOR OF MILK

Robert N. McClellan

### SANITARY INSPECTOR AND DEPUTY INSPECTOR OF MILK

Earl C. Richwagen



<b>AGENT FOR VETERANS' AID AND PENSIONS AND CARE OF SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' GRAVES</b>		Francis J. Stanwood
<b>BURIAL AGENT</b>		Francis J. Stanwood
<b>TRUANT OFFICER</b>		Edward L. Wainwright
<b>INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS</b>		Edwin D. Keyes
<b>ASSISTANT BUILDING INSPECTOR</b>		H. Wesley Kent
<b>INSPECTOR OF WIRING</b>		Clyde E. Cookson
<b>ASSISTANT INSPECTOR OF WIRING</b>		Mowry K. Cookson
<b>INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING</b>		Chester E. Bosselmann
<b>INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND SLAUGHTERING</b>		Dr. Richard C. Schofield
<b>SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE ALARM</b>		Richard M. Salamone
<b>PETROLEUM INSPECTOR</b>		Richard M. Salamone
<b>FOREST WARDEN</b>		Richard M. Salamone
<b>DEPUTY FOREST WARDENS</b>		Charles J. Nute, Jr. Raymond D. Fales Gordon F. Healey David E. Mann
	Carl W. Heller Leo E. Buckley J. Walter Schirmer	
<b>SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES</b>		Earl W. Richwagen
<b>RECORDER OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES</b>		Doris E. Barlow
<b>ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK</b>		Katherine R. Kingsbury
<b>DIRECTOR OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE</b>		Ralph H. Gray
<b>LOCAL MOTH SUPERINTENDENT</b>		John P. Allen*
<b>DEPUTY TREE WARDEN</b>		Robert L. Yokes
<b>DOG OFFICER</b>		Lester K. Ramey
<b>KEEPER OF LOCKUP</b>		Thomas H. Welch
<b>INSPECTOR OF SAND AND GRAVEL</b>		Frank L. Cheney
<b>INSPECTOR OF CESSPOOLS</b>		Frank L. Cheney
<b>DEPUTY CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS</b>		Frank J. Dermody
<b>DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR</b>		Frank J. Reinhardt, Jr.
<b>PUBLIC LIBRARY</b>		Dorothy Brown, <i>Librarian</i>
<b>GLOVER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL</b>		Donald R. Carmichael, <i>Business Mgr.</i> Helen I. Linane, <i>Superintendent of Nurses</i> *Retired
<b>CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD</b>		
Under vote of Town, November 3, 1936		
Frank L. Cheney, 1953		Harold A. Smith, 1952
Melville W. Grant, <i>Accountant</i>		

**BOARD OF APPEALS**

Rogert W. Nutt, 1953

Herbert L. Moore, 1951, *Special Member*

Francis L. Guertin, 1952, *Chairman*

Enos G. Nickerson, 1951

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

A. Wilson Corbett

William Seaver

Fred N. Depuy, *Chairman*

Leonard G. Puffer, *Secretary*

**RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Under Art. 15, March 19, 1945—To consist of three members of Recreation Commission and one member of Trustees of Memorial Park and one member of School Committee.

Helen B. Richwagen, *Chairman*

Robert C. Slack, *Secretary*

John B. Dolan

Beatrice A. Wood, *Vice-Chairman*

Paul B. Richwagen

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Under Art. 48, March 15, 1948—Town Forest Committee

Ronald D. Lowden, *Chairman*

Dr. J. Walter Schirmer

Lester C. Hollis

Under Art. 53, March 21, 1949—To supervise construction and original equipping and furnishing of elementary school building off Brookline Street.

Julius F. Haller, *by the Moderator*

Petra M. Morrow, *by the Moderator*

Emery S. Doane, *by the Moderator*

Frank Flood, *by Finance Committee*

Derwood A. Newman, *by School Committee*

Lawrence D. Walker, *by Planning Board*

Henry D. Hersey, *by Public School Association*

Pierce B. Bennett, *by Taxpayers' Association*

William P. Bailey, *by Selectmen, Chairman*

Under Art. 43, March 20, 1950—To study new location for Town Dump.

Lester C. Hollis

F. Parker Bartlett, Jr.

Raymond L. Bond

Asa M. Small

Benjamin Mills, Jr.

Theodore P. Bell

Walter R. Clarenbach

Under Art. 54, March 20, 1950—To study Town Hall Accomodations

Charles E. Bryer, *by the Selectmen*

Horace P. Moulton, *by the Finance Committee*

Andrew C. Bailey, *by the Needham Taxpayers' Association*

Leslie J. Wertheim, *by the Moderator*

William H. Cotter, Jr., *by the Moderator*

Under Art. 58, March 20, 1950—To supervise the construction and the original equipping and furnishing of addition to existing Dwight School Building.

Henry D. Hersey, *Chairman*  
Helen E. White, *Secretary*  
Harold W. Kent  
Frederic L. Glover  
Sidney Stewart

**Under Art. 60, March 20, 1950—To obtain plans, specifications, working drawings and advice for new elementary school in High Rock area.**

Irving Cowdrey, *Chairman, by the Finance Committee*  
Harold C. Wilkinson, *by the Selectmen*  
Derwood A. Newman, *by the School Committee*  
Clayton L. Holden, *by the Planning Board*  
James K. Sanborn, *by the Needham Taxpayers' Association*  
Richard W. Stewart, *by the Public School Association*  
Guy S. Langstroth, *by the Moderator*  
Ruth N. Fletcher, *by the Moderator*  
Philip D. Rising, *by the Moderator*

**Under Art. 62, March 20, 1950—To study needs for additional school buildings and school facilities.**

Stanley F. Teele, *Chairman, by the Finance Committee*  
William G. Regan, *by the Selectmen*  
Frederic L. Glover, *by the School Committee*  
Eva H. Churchill, *by the Planning Board*  
Guy P. Jones, *by the Needham Taxpayers' Association*  
Dr. Elbert S. Godfrey, *by the Public School Association*  
Robert G. Bleakney, *by the Moderator*  
Amos Hamburger, *by the Moderator*  
Emma B. Bailey, *Secretary, by the Moderator*

**Under Art. 85, March 20, 1950—To study Insurance carried by the Town**

John V. Phelan, *by the Finance Committee*  
Edward M. Harriman, *by the Selectmen*  
Walter S. Attridge, *by the Selectmen*  
Harry R. Hill, *by the Needham Taxpayers' Association*  
Gordon G. Watt, *by the Committee*

**Under Art. 11, Special Town Meeting of October 23, 1950—To obtain plans, specifications, working drawings and advice for new elementary school on land off Broadmeadow Road.**

Joseph S. Slicer, *Chairman, by the School Committee*  
Weldon Welfling, *by the Public School Association*  
A. Victor Gilfoy, *by the Selectmen*  
Eva H. Churchill, *by the Planning Board*  
Charles L. Hall, Jr., *by the Needham Taxpayers' Association*  
Paul B. Richwagen, *by the Recreation Commission*  
Emma B. Bailey, *by the Moderator*  
Karl W. Richards, *by the Moderator*  
Harold A. Page, *Secretary, by the Finance Committee*



# Treasurer and Tax Collector

ARNOLD MACKINTOSH, *Treasurer and Tax Collector*

	Employees	Budget	Expenditures
1946	2	\$ 9,254.00	\$ 9,091.36
1947	2	9,801.30	9,646.71
1948	2	10,568.80	10,530.24
1949	2	11,009.90	10,966.87
1950	2	11,365.00	11,339.09

While the bonded debt of the Town continues to increase to new high figures each year and the cost of practically everything mounts rapidly, it is interesting to call attention to one item of expense, which is substantially lower than it was twenty years ago. Due to the condition of the money market, it costs much less to borrow now than it did in 1930. A comparison may be of interest.

December 31, 1930				December 31, 1950			
Bonds Outstanding		Rate of Interest		Bonds Outstanding		Rate of Interest	
\$ 15,500	@	3½ %		\$ 6,000	@	1 %	
905,000	@	4 %		167,500	@	1¼ %	
250,000	@	4¼ %		160,000	@	1.40 %	
2,000	@	4½ %		425,000	@	1½ %	
124,000	@	5 %		725,000	@	1¾ %	
				25,000	@	4 %	
\$1,296,500				\$1,508,500			

Total of interest paid in  
1931 ..... \$52,016.25

Total of interest to be paid  
in 1951 ..... \$24,340.62

In 1930, it was necessary for the Town to borrow \$700,000 in anticipation of taxes, at an interest cost of \$17,579. In 1950, the financial condition of the Town was such that temporary borrowing was not needed, although in 1951, it is quite possible that we may have to resort to this kind of borrowing.

The 1950 tax levy was \$1,420,929, including real estate, personal property and betterments added to taxes and on December 31, 1950, 97.41% of this amount had been paid. All 1950 poll taxes and all taxes prior to 1950, have been paid.

# Town Accountant

MELVILLE W. GRANT, *Town Accountant*

	Employees	Budget	Expenditures
1946	2	\$ 6,774.02	\$ 6,759.59
1947	2	7,540.00	7,538.01
1948	2	8,346.70	8,326.67
1949	2	11,745.25	11,745.25
1950	2	10,117.90	10,115.92

The increase in the above figures is due to the general increase in the operation of all town departments, as the Accounting Department is affected by every increase in any department. The growth in the population of the town necessarily means more houses and more families with children. This in turn creates the need for more schools and more streets, sewer and other public utilities. The cost of all these various services is more than in the past.

The Accounting Department has been mechanized in order to increase its efficiency and to reduce the cost of operating as much as possible.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 61, Chapter 41, of the General Laws, the following reports are submitted. All reports are arranged in accordance with the classifications prescribed by the Director of Accounts.

A detailed report of the expenditures for the year ending December 31, 1950, is on file with the Board of Selectmen.

## DEBT STATEMENT

### Also Amounts Due from Principals and Interest During Year 1951

	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1949	Paid in 1950	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1950	Principal Due in 1951	Interest Due in 1951
Elementary School	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$	\$	\$
Elemen. School—Dwight Add.			90,000.00	5,000.00	1,260.00
Elem. School—Wm. Mitchell	445,000.00	25,000.00	420,000.00	25,000.00	7,350.00
New High School—1929	15,000.00	15,000.00			
Hospital Addition—1947	450,000.00	25,000.00	425,000.00	25,000.00	6,375.00
Sewer Construction—1924	30,000.00	5,000.00	25,000.00	5,000.00	900.00
Sewer Construction—1941	5,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	15.62
Sewer Construction—1946	6,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	30.00
Sewer Construction—1947	155,000.00	20,000.00	135,000.00	20,000.00	1,687.50
Sewer Construction—1948	180,000.00	20,000.00	160,000.00	20,000.00	2,800.00
Sewer Construction—1949	150,000.00	5,000.00	145,000.00	5,000.00	2,537.50
Sewer Construction—1950			40,000.00	5,000.00	560.00
Street Construction—1946	35,000.00	5,000.00	30,000.00	5,000.00	375.00
Veterans' Housing—1946	6,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	30.00
Water Storage Tank—1950			30,000.00	5,000.00	420.00
	\$1,480,000.00	\$ 131,500.00	\$1,508,500.00	\$ 128,500.00	\$ 24,340.62

## Where the Money Came From

	1950	1949
<b>CASH ON HAND, JANUARY 1</b> .....	\$995,083.51	\$261,046.57
<b>GENERAL REVENUE:</b>		
Needham Taxes:		
Poll .....	9,466.00	9,380.00
Personal .....	64,854.90	63,342.88
Real .....	1,317,439.24	1,244,193.23
Total Taxes .....	\$1,391,760.14	\$1,316,916.11
From State:		
Corporation Taxes .....	\$80,532.91	\$122,418.80
Income Taxes .....	104,740.70	169,919.70
Total from State .....	\$185,273.61	\$292,338.50
Special Assessments:		
Added to Tax Bills:		
Motor Vehicle Excise .....	\$146,733.73	\$107,696.61
Sewer .....	7,892.37	6,285.07
Sewer House Connections .....	3,846.51	3,277.92
Sidewalk .....	218.06	220.96
Street .....	5,650.51	6,389.22
Paid in Advance:		
Sewer .....	38,248.46	22,155.84
Sewer House Connections .....	20,610.92	15,811.22
Sidewalk .....	146.71	309.16
Street .....	4,074.63	5,409.04
Total Special Assessments .....	\$227,421.90	\$167,555.04
Court Fines: District Court, North Norfolk .....	\$136.00	\$222.40
Permits and Licenses .....	757.10	798.00
Taxes on Land for Water Purposes:		
Brookline, Newton, Wellesley and State .....	1,855.35	1,855.35
Grants and Gifts:		
County—Dox Tax and Highway Fund		
Roads Chapter 90 .....	7,410.93	2,970.73
Federal Government:		
Aid to Dependent Children .....	3,995.75	5,137.62
Old Age Assistance .....	39,707.63	38,030.99
Hospital Construction .....	26,635.37	185,190.21
Housing Authority .....		25,647.11
Individuals:		
Hospital Construction, Donations .....	6,588.19	
State:		
Highway Fund Roads Chap. 90,		
Meal Tax and School Transportation .....	15,555.98	2,933.28
Total Grants and Gifts .....	\$99,893.85	\$259,909.94



## WHERE THE MONEY CAME FROM — Continued

## DEPARTMENTAL RECEIPTS:

	1950	1949
Board of Appeals—Hearing Costs .....	\$231.21	\$160.98
Dog Officer—Sale of Unclaimed Dogs .....	3.00	7.50
Fire—Sale of Needham Heights Station .....		7,000.00
Glover Memorial Hospital—Receipts for Services, X-Rays, etc. ....	208,911.42	110,924.62
Health—Communicable Diseases and Cesspool Fees .....	2,267.78	1,736.14
Inspections—Building, Gas, Plumbing, Wiring Fees and Sale of Building Laws .....	10,893.06	7,828.75
Library—Fines, Lost Books, Non-Resident Fees and Sale of Waste Paper .....	1,640.13	1,402.58
Needham Housing Authority—Payment in Lieu of Taxes .....	364.80	2,440.80
Police—Ambulance Services, Bicycle Fees and Re- volver Permits .....	786.00	665.25
Public Works—Rental of Real Estate, Use of Equipment, Sale of Maps, etc. ....	1,137.36	1,025.74
Recreation—Rosemary Beach and Playground Re- ceipts .....	1,120.24	1,117.74
Selectmen—Gun Permits .....	1.56	
School:		
Reimbursements, Cafeteria Salaries .....	4,493.94	5,165.08
Rental of School Auditoriums .....	100.00	105.00
Tuition from Individuals and State .....	3,567.25	2,306.73
Telephone, Breakage, Lost Book, etc. ....	372.06	191.73
Sealer of Weights and Measures—Fees .....	345.85	317.30
Town Clerk—Permits, Certificates, Licenses and Fees .....	5,466.29	5,353.44
Town Hall and Grounds—Rental of Town Hall and Miscellaneous Receipts .....	513.00	706.45
Treasurer and Tax Collector—Tax Titles, Sale of Land, Rental of Town Property, etc. ....	4,261.58	1,262.05
Veterans' Services—Reimbursement from State..	10,841.22	13,928.95
Water—Rates, Repairs, New Services, Connections and Liens .....	136,341.74	118,809.62
Welfare:		
Aid Dependent Children—Receipts from State.	3,525.41	5,149.72
Dependent Aid—Receipts from Cities and Towns	2,907.09	3,087.86
Receipts from Individuals ....	121.75	61.00
Receipts from State .....	3,706.13	1,926.43
Old Age Assistance:		
Receipts from Cities and Towns .....	1,858.71	1,926.06
Receipts from Individuals .....	506.68	3,315.62
Receipts from State .....	33,926.30	31,744.35
Total Departmental Receipts .....	\$440,211.56	\$329,666.59
SCHOOL FUNDS:		
Athletic Funds—Senior and Junior High Schools.	\$6,488.86	
Cafeteria Funds—All Schools .....	9,277.83	
Total School Funds .....	\$15,766.69	

**WHERE THE MONEY CAME FROM — Continued**

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# Where the Money Went

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

	1950	1949
Finance Committee—Salary and Expenses .....	\$1,090.80	\$1,149.95
Planning Board—Salary, Expenses and Signs ....	1,204.98	1,163.10
Selectmen—Salaries, Expenses and Town Meetings .....	2,854.76	2,497.30
Selectmen—Civil Defense .....	676.61	
Accounting—Salaries and Expenses .....	10,115.92	11,745.25
Treasurer and Tax Collector—Salaries, Expenses, Bonds and Tax Title Expenses .....	11,375.91	10,966.87
Town Clerk—Salaries, Expenses and Fees .....	6,308.05	6,462.77
Election and Registration—Salaries, Expenses and Tellers .....	9,748.66	6,130.69
Assessors—Salaries, Expenses and Card System ..	12,204.84	12,031.21
Legal—Salary, Expenses and Damages .....	3,366.70	3,241.55
Town Hall and Grounds—Salaries and Expenses..	10,896.50	10,633.56
Board of Appeals—Salary and Expenses .....	639.25	381.99

Total General Government .....	\$70,482.98	\$66,404.24
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## PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:

Police Department—Salaries .....	\$78,908.80	\$73,715.54
Expenses .....	14,437.07	11,566.24
New Equipment .....	3,521.70	5,156.71

Total Police Department .....	\$96,867.57	\$90,438.49
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Fire Department—Salaries .....	\$94,140.01	\$90,253.41
Expenses .....	14,661.22	12,946.24
New Equipment .....		3,090.00

Total Fire Department .....	\$108,801.23	\$106,289.65
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New Fire Station—Construction .....	\$873.52	\$21,708.10
Equipment .....		3,463.79

Total New Fire Station .....	\$873.52	\$25,171.89
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Fire Alarm—Salaries, Expenses and New Circuits .....	\$14,631.20	\$12,417.33
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Forest Warden—Salaries, Expenses and Forest Patrol .....	395.60	386.60
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Inspection—Salaries, Expenses and Transportation .....	11,989.49	9,424.30
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Animal Inspector—Salary and Transportation ...	562.50	562.50
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Dog Officer—Salary .....	875.00	875.00
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Sealer of Weights and Measures—Salary, Expenses and Transportation .....	1,365.38	1,305.50
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Total Miscellaneous Protection .....	\$29,819.17	\$24,971.73
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## HEALTH AND SANITATION:

Health—Salaries and Expenses .....	\$8,794.44	\$8,202.46
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Hospitalization .....	2,626.55	5,689.30
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Garbage Removal .....	7,999.96	8,500.00
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Mosquito Control .....	3,848.96	2,480.27
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Total Health and Sanitation .....	\$23,269.91	\$24,872.03
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## WHERE THE MONEY WENT — Continued

<b>PUBLIC WORKS:</b>	<b>1950</b>	<b>1949</b>
Salaries, Wages and Maintenance Expenses .....	\$220,467.94	\$213,684.85
Elm Tree Disease .....	1,000.00	
Equipment—Additional .....	20,480.45	210.00
Equipment—Replacements .....	7,000.00	1,562.37
Highway Alterations .....	175.77	7,628.94
Needham Housing Authority:		
Roads and Storm Drains .....	10,245.95	8,477.63
Water Mains .....		8,837.13
Park Improvements .....	2,669.56	1,328.28
Roads—Chapter 90, Construction .....	19,800.72	
Rosemary Beach and Lake Maintenance .....	2,000.00	2,000.00
Ryan Parking Lot—Construction .....	4,845.96	
Sidewalk Construction .....	805.85	632.61
Snow Removal .....	23,198.89	19,999.16
Street Construction .....	24,678.51	10,031.57
Street Lighting .....	27,419.95	27,141.46
Town Forest .....	608.93	
Town Ways—Alterations, Improvements and Re-		
construction .....	10,585.18	
Traffic Signal—Installation .....	94.00	2,385.58
Travel—Out of State .....	203.20	300.00
Water Construction—Mains and Services .....	98,690.84	81,601.91
Water Construction—New Well .....		5,743.45
Water Tank—Installation .....	58,657.98	
Drains Construction .....		30,377.63
Drains Construction—Town Ways .....	10,288.28	
Drains Construction—Private Ways .....	11,431.02	
Drains Construction—Private Lands .....	16.44	
Storm Water Drains .....		8,099.37
Sewer Construction .....	104,438.24	108,934.91
Sewer House Connections .....	27,999.63	22,901.75
<b>Total Public Works .....</b>	<b>\$687,803.29</b>	<b>\$561,878.00</b>

## **PUBLIC WELFARE:**

Dependent Aid—Salaries and Expenses .....	\$1,775.70	\$1,567.93
Dependent Aid—Assistance .....	16,585.53	14,012.33
Old Age Assistance—Salaries and Expenses .....	7,450.31	7,246.09
Old Age Assistance—Assistance .....	86,060.52	79,393.19
Aid Dependent Children—Salaries and Expenses ..	1,544.91	2,146.70
Aid Dependent Children—Assistance .....	8,572.56	13,730.93
<b>Total Public Welfare .....</b>	<b>\$121,989.53</b>	<b>\$118,097.17</b>

## **VETERANS' SERVICES:**

Salaries, Expenses and Transportation .....	\$5,764.76	\$5,508.95
Veterans' Benefits .....	22,373.87	21,085.26
War Allowances .....		583.56
<b>Total Veterans' Services .....</b>	<b>\$28,138.63</b>	<b>\$27,177.77</b>

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## WHERE THE MONEY WENT — Continued

### SCHOOL:

	1950	1949
Salaries .....	\$469,060.66	\$435,185.76
Auxiliary Agencies .....	9,813.82	6,838.52
Cafeteria Equipment .....		57.70
Expenses of Instructions .....	25,649.88	20,928.37
General Control .....	2,097.29	2,136.03
Maintenance .....	25,953.62	20,986.20
Operating Expenses .....	28,585.12	27,929.33
Outlay .....	12,781.28	12,993.05
Rehabilitation—Emery Grover .....		240.40
Travel—Out of State .....	247.52	193.89
Transportation .....	17,697.70	15,460.72
Vocational Tuition .....	3,317.02	2,496.30
Adult Civic Education .....	126.91	

Total School .....	\$595,330.82	\$545,446.27
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### SCHOOLS CONSTRUCTION:

Dwight School—Addition .....	\$15,443.09	
Dwight School—Repairs and Reconstruction .....	1,423.33	
Dwight School—Improvement of Grounds .....	70.00	
Plans and Specifications for School—High Rock District .....	2,196.47	
William Mitchell School .....	365,255.54	\$20,931.89

Total School Construction .....	\$384,388.43	\$20,931.89
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### School Funds:

Athletic Expenses .....	\$3,825.09
Cafeteria Expenses .....	8,681.12

Total School Funds .....	\$12,506.21
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### LIBRARY:

Salaries .....	\$17,838.09	\$18,284.36
Bindings, Expenses and Supplies .....	1,720.57	2,126.70
Books and Periodicals .....	5,042.47	4,844.78
Building Maintenance .....	2,149.50	2,568.63
Branch Library—Insurance and Rent .....	1,027.59	
John B. Tolman Fund .....	884.60	421.00
Children's Room .....		11.30

Total Library .....	\$28,662.82	\$28,257.27
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### GLOVER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL:

Salaries .....	\$163,008.26	\$88,006.37
Building Maintenance .....	19,911.25	9,210.43
Expenses .....	5,422.47	5,782.12
Equipment and Supplies .....	68,350.69	44,641.09
Special Expenses .....		1,350.00
Travel—Out of State .....	150.00	
X-Ray Account .....	9,072.70	7,185.55

Total Hospital .....	\$265,915.37	\$156,175.56
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## WHERE THE MONEY WENT — Continued

<b>HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION:</b>	<b>1950</b>	<b>1949</b>
New Addition .....	\$59,532.84	\$435,668.31
Remodeling and Reconstruction .....	34,795.53	391.70
Total Hospital Construction .....	\$94,328.37	\$436,060.01
<b>RECREATION:</b>		
Memorial Park:		
Salaries and Expenses .....	\$7,006.36	\$6,324.31
Grading and Cinder Track .....	1,810.72	
Legion Home—Fire Damage .....	1,230.00	
Recreation:		
Salaries .....	11,308.90	11,000.00
Building Maintenance .....	355.84	1,026.30
Equipment and Supplies .....	2,119.50	1,619.04
Maintenance of Equipment, Services and Special Expenses .....	2,003.33	1,002.29
Total Recreation .....	\$25,834.65	\$20,971.94
<b>MISCELLANEOUS:</b>		
Annuities—Gaughan, Haddock and McLeod .....	\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00
Care of Soldiers' Graves .....	750.00	750.00
Consolidation Town By-Laws .....	491.90	
Contributory Retirement—Contribution .....	22,812.00	22,508.00
Contributory Retirement—Expenses .....	550.00	500.00
Committee—Insurance Study .....	25.00	
Insurance:		
Auto .....	2,763.02	2,154.57
Blanket Bond—Hospital .....	153.00	
Boiler .....	1,021.06	
Burglary .....	203.59	4.62
Compensation .....	14,703.46	9,676.69
Engine Breakdown .....		1,068.79
Fire .....	8,242.58	9,743.75
Honor Roll .....	10.00	10.00
Liability—Compensation and Public .....	380.15	478.06
Land Taking:		
Babson Park .....		408.31
Arnold J. Baker .....	1,238.46	
Memorial Day Expenses .....	431.21	607.21
Purchase of Land:		
Lizzie M. Chapman .....	15,000.00	
Joseph DeFrancesco .....	25,000.00	
David W. Pinkham .....	8,700.00	
Marian A. Reid .....		16,000.00
River Park .....	62.50	62.50
Jerome Ryan .....	30,000.00	
Stanley Development Co. ....		1,200.00
Purchase of Mimeograph Machine .....	236.30	
Sewer Assessment—Town Owned Land .....	2,017.45	484.87



## WHERE THE MONEY WENT — Continued

	1950	1949
<b>Tax Payments:</b>		
Arnold J. Baker .....	221.40	
Anna G. Chaffin .....	55.42	
David W. Pinkham .....	98.80	
Marian A. Reid .....		215.35
Stanley Development Co. ....	332.84	
Town Forest Committee .....		412.77
Town Reports .....	2,978.26	2,730.75
Unclassified—Miscellaneous Expenses .....	246.70	186.94
Unpaid Bills—Prior Years .....	1,156.58	18.99
Reimbursement—Patrick Tocci .....		350.00
<b>Total Miscellaneous .....</b>	<b>\$143,621.78</b>	<b>\$73,322.17</b>

**MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS:**

Maturing Debt .....	\$131,500.00	\$101,500.00
Interest on Maturing Debt .....	24,318.13	15,961.87
Repayment of Temporary Loan .....		400,000.00
Interest on Temporary Loan .....		1,413.83
<b>Total Municipal Indebtedness .....</b>	<b>\$155,818.13</b>	<b>\$518,875.70</b>

**OTHER EXPENDITURES:**

Norfolk County Hospital .....	\$19,958.13	\$17,009.39
Norfolk County Tax .....	47,679.16	44,035.70
State Tax and Assessments .....	50,319.30	38,323.22
Refunds .....	13,277.12	11,387.75
Withholding Tax .....	92,261.08	85,060.33
<b>Total Other Expenditures .....</b>	<b>\$223,494.79</b>	<b>\$195,816.39</b>
<b>Total Expenditures for year .....</b>	<b>\$3,097,947.20</b>	<b>\$3,041,158.17</b>
<b>Cash on Hand, December 31 .....</b>	<b>581,465.97</b>	<b>905,083.51</b>
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$3,679,413.17</b>	<b>\$4,036,241.63</b>

**BALANCE SHEET — December 31, 1950**  
General Accounts

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
CASH		RESERVE FOR PETTY CASH	\$425.00
In Bank and Offices:		TRUST FUND INCOME:	
General:		Barr, Library Fund	\$12.50
Petty Cash:		Dwight, School Fund	146.78
Health	\$10.00	T. Otis Fuller, Hospital Fund	993.63
Hospital	100.00	Greenwood, Library Fund	337.06
Library	20.00	Lyon, Hospital Fund	202.28
School, Senior High	25.00	Mary E. Moseley, Hospital Fund	324.12
School, Superintendent's Office	50.00	John B. Tolman, Library Fund	911.97
Tax Collector	100.00	William H. Wye, Library Fund	62.42
Town Clerk	10.00		
Treasurer	50.00		
Welfare	10.00		
Veterans' Services	50.00		
		DOG LICENSES DUE COUNTY	\$3,645.06
			11.40
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:			
Taxes 1950		INCOME ACCOUNT:	
Personal	\$1,572.25	War Salvage Fund	77.56
Real	33,860.25		
		LOANS AUTHORIZED, PREMIUM ACCOUNT	72.00
		Construction Dwight School Addition	
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE:		LOANS AUTHORIZED, ACCRUED INTEREST	
Taxes 1950		Sewer Construction 1950	\$42.00
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:		Construction Dwight School Addition	34.50
Sidewalk:		Water Tank Installation	31.50
Added to Tax Bills 1950	\$38.81		
Unapportioned	311.39	EXCESS—SALE OF LAND:	168.00
		Chapter 60, Section 79	81.22
Street:			
Added to Tax Bills 1950	\$192.10	RESERVE, SALE OF REAL ESTATE	650.00
Unapportioned	10,496.45	TATE	41.73
		TAILINGS, UNCLAIMED CHECKS.	
Sewer:		WATER DEPOSITS, CONNECTION FEES	250.00
Added to Tax Bills 1950	\$347.87		
Unapportioned	62,239.99	OVERLAY SURPLUS, RESERVE FUND	3,672.79
		OVERLAY, RESERVE FOR ABATEMENTS:	
Sewer House Connections:		Overlay 1950	2,619.54
Added to Tax Bills 1950	\$97.71	SEWER ASSESSMENT RECEIPTS RESERVE:	
Unapportioned	11,576.34	Sewer Construction Reserve Fund	48,858.90
		SURPLUS REVENUE:	
		Excess and Deficiency	138,074.61

12,333.14

## WITHHOLDING TAX RESERVE

REVENUE RESERVED UNTIL COLLECTED:	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	\$7,669.31
Special Assessments:	
Committed Interest	97.12
Sewer	62,587.86
Sewer Committed Interest	103.11
Sewer House Connection	11,674.05
Sidewalks	350.20
Streets	10,688.55
Departmental Accounts Receivable	39,748.58
State and County Aid to Highways	3,598.97
Tax Titles	847.57
Tax Possessions	1,740.50
Water	18,726.48
	157,838.30

## APPROPRIATION, UNEXPENDED

BALANCES:	
Selectmen, Civil Defense	\$4,823.39
Assessors, Card System	563.23
Police, Installation New Radio Equipment	2,639.29
Fire, George Deen and Smith, Hughes, Barden Funds	141.43
Fire, Construction New Station	337.03
Drains Construction, Town Ways: Greendale and Webster Sts.	1,825.68
Tower, Murphy, Fairview and Walnut	657.48
Drains Construction, Private Ways: Brookline, Hoover, Nevada, Robbinswood, Stockdale	9,768.94
Douglas and Highgate	5,800.24
Sewer Construction	61,016.75
Storm Drains, Needham Housing Authority	2,478.23
Railroad Parking Lot: Construction	7,500.00
Lease	2,000.00
Roads, Chapter 90, Construction	4,199.28
Ryan Parking Lot, Construction	2,654.04
Sidewalk Construction	1,762.14
Streets Construction:	
Beaufort Avenue	1,040.93
Birchwood Road	110.35
Brookline Street	1,535.54
Highgate and Wyoming Avenue	431.23
Stockdale Road	3,776.27
Whittier, Lancaster and Elmwood Roads	1,788.11
Street Light Installation	393.82

## Committed Interest:

Added to Tax Bills 1950	97.12
Sewer Committed Interest:	
Added to Tax Bills 1950	109.11
Water Liens:	
Added to Tax Bills 1950	92.90
TAX TITLES AND POSSESSIONS:	
Tax Titles	847.57
Tax Possessions	1,740.50

## DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS

RECEIVABLE:	
Health	\$1,104.49
Hospital, Services	28,991.19
Hospital, X-Ray	5,196.00
Police	214.00
Public Works	238.84
School	615.70
Town Hall	50.00
Veterans' Benefits	3,149.70
Welfare Dependent Aid	188.66



## BALANCE SHEET — December 31, 1950 — Continued

<b>WATER:</b>	\$13,635.63	Town Dump .....	12,500.00
Water Rates .....	273.79	Approach and Equipment .....	500.00
Water Repairs .....	523.00	Purchase of Land .....	3,000.00
Water New Services .....	4,148.36	Town Ways, Alterations .....	2,500.00
Water Connection Fees .....	51.89	Improvements .....	2,563.72
Water Miscellaneous .....		Reconstruction .....	2,901.10
		Water Construction .....	11,757.25
		Water Tank, Installation .....	16,342.02
		School:	
		Adult Civic Education .....	573.09
		George Deen Fund .....	25.50
		Architect's Plans, School, Harris District .....	39.08
		Dwight School:	
		Construction of Addition .....	113,556.91
		Improvment to Grounds .....	50,430.00
		Repairs and Reconstruction .....	53,576.57
		Repairs and Replacement, Furniture and Equipment .....	7,000.00
		William Mitchell School Construction .....	72,535.88
		Plans and Specifications:	
		School, Broadmeadow Road .....	3,500.00
		School, High Rock District .....	14,303.53
		Purchase Additional Land, High Rock .....	1,900.00
		Additional School Needs .....	518.86
		School Funds:	
		Athletic .....	2,563.77
		Cafeteria .....	596.71
		Hospital:	
		Building Committee .....	1,789.14
		Construction, New Addition .....	38,929.63
		Remodeling and Reconstruction .....	5,657.93
		Consolidation Town By-Laws .....	937.51
		Committees:	
		Community Center .....	2,000.00
		Insurance Study .....	225.00
		Salaries and Wages .....	700.00
		Memorial Day, Markers .....	107.59
		Land Taking, Babson Park .....	41.69
		Purchase of Land, River Park .....	897.49
		Study, Playgrounds, Norris Farm .....	200.00
		Tax Payments, Lizzie Chapman Property .....	114.20
		Norfolk County Tax:	
		Overestimate, 1950 .....	2,961.90
		<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$862,644.89</b>

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## BALANCE SHEET — December 31, 1950 — Continued

### Special Accounts

#### Investment Fund Accounts—Deferred Revenue, Debt Accounts and Trust Funds

#### INVESTMENT FUND ACCOUNTS:

##### Investment Fund Accounts:

##### Post War Rehabilitation Fund:

Gain on Bonds .....	\$3,993.55	
Accrued Interest Balance .....	79.22	
		\$4,072.77

##### War Salvage Funds:

Needham Cooperative Bank .....	\$3,344.60	
Wellesley Cooperative Bank .....	1,993.60	
Accrued Interest .....	138.00	
		5,476.20

##### Total Cash and Securities .....

\$9,548.97

#### DEFERRED REVENUE ACCOUNTS:

##### Apportioned Assessments Due:

	Sidewalk	Street	Sewer	Sewer-House Connections
Due in 1951 .....	\$222.93	\$4,690.66	\$7,220.50	\$3,574.60
Due in 1952 .....	179.99	4,231.74	6,813.56	3,501.24
Due in 1953 .....	173.85	3,632.18	6,808.04	3,388.64
Due in 1954 .....	156.15	3,306.98	6,626.00	3,249.27
Due in 1955 .....	150.82	3,306.98	6,545.86	3,037.40
Due in 1956 .....	150.82	3,306.98	6,517.59	2,915.26
Due in 1957 .....	150.82	3,306.98	6,517.59	2,587.96
Due in 1958 .....	113.73	760.98	4,740.05	1,693.16
Due in 1959 .....	13.37	760.98	2,781.93	993.16
Total Apportioned Assessments Not Due .....	\$1,312.48	\$27,304.46	\$54,571.12	\$24,940.79

#### DEFERRED SEWER ASSESSMENT 1948

\$950.92

#### DEBT ACCOUNTS:

	1950	1949
Elementary School, 1930 .....		\$3,000.00
Elementary School, Dwight Addition .....	\$90,000.00	
Elementary School, William Mitchell .....	420,000.00	445,000.00
New High School 1929 .....		15,000.00
Hospital Addition 1947 .....	425,000.00	450,000.00
Sewer Construction 1924 .....	25,000.00	30,000.00
Sewer Construction 1941 .....	2,500.00	5,000.00
Sewer Construction 1946 .....	3,000.00	6,000.00
Sewer Construction 1947 .....	135,000.00	155,000.00
Sewer Construction 1948 .....	160,000.00	180,000.00
Sewer Construction 1949 .....	145,000.00	150,000.00
Sewer Construction 1950 .....	40,000.00	
Street Construction 1946 .....	30,000.00	35,000.00
Veterans' Housing 1946 .....	3,000.00	6,000.00
Water Storage Tank 1950 .....	30,000.00	

Total Debt ..... \$1,508,500.00 \$1,480,000.60

#### TRUST FUNDS:

Martha Ann Barr Fund .....	\$500.00
Horace A. Carter Fund .....	1,201.08
Dwight School Fund .....	6,000.00
T. Otis Fuller Fund .....	7,000.00
Myra Greenwood Fund .....	12,482.11
Adeline E. Harris Fund .....	124.43
Mary Virginia E. Hill Fund .....	1,343.74
William Low Fund .....	1,150.00
The Lyon Fund .....	5,000.00
Mary J. Millett Fund .....	10,446.81
Mary E. Moseley Fund .....	4,290.00
William G. Moseley Fund .....	4,520.25
Needham Cemetery Investment Fund .....	1,000.00
Needham Military Band, Inc. Fund .....	538.90
Thomas Sutton Fund .....	1,073.18
John B. Tolman Fund .....	70,000.00
John B. Walker Fund .....	3,242.69
George E. Wye Fund .....	11,565.68
William H. Wye Fund .....	1,000.00

#### TOTAL

\$142,478.87

## SALARY CLASSIFICATIONS BY POSITIONS

December 31, 1950

T O W N O F N E E D H A M

Accountant .....	\$4,200.00	Public Works:	
Animal Inspector .....	437.50	Superintendent of Public Works .....	6,800.00
Assessor—Principal .....	4,000.00	Supt. of Engineering Division .....	4,800.00
Assessors—Assistants (Part time) .....	1,150.00	Assistant Engineer .....	3,600.00
Clerks:		Supt. of Sewer and Water .....	5,500.00
Senior Clerks:		Asst. Supt. of Sewer and Water .....	3,700.00
Minimum .....	1,900.00	Dump Attendant .....	1,300.00
Maximum .....	2,200.00	Hourly Employees:	
Junior Clerks:		Equipment Supervisors .....	1.73
Minimum .....	1,400.00	Foreman-Supervisors .....	1.56
Maximum .....	1,700.00	Shovel Operator .....	1.56
Temporary Employees (Per Hour) .....	.85	Garage Mechanic .....	1.56
Dog Officer .....	875.00	Equipment Operator .....	1.38
Finance Committee—Clerk .....	600.00	Instrument man .....	1.27
Fire Department:		Redman .....	1.00
Chief .....	4,600.00	Skilled Labor .....	1.27
Deputy Chief .....	3,900.00	Common Labor .....	1.15
Captains:		Temporary Labor .....	1.00
Minimum .....	3,300.00	School:	
Maximum .....	3,600.00	Superintendent .....	7,000.00
Regular Firemen:		Principal—Senior High .....	5,525.00
Minimum .....	2,825.50	Principal—Junior High .....	4,925.00
Maximum .....	3,125.00	Principal—Stephen Palmer .....	4,625.00
Callmen .....	275.00	Principal—Avery and Carter .....	4,625.00
Substitutes (Per Day) .....	7.20	Principal—Harris .....	3,425.00
Fire Alarm—Assistant Superintendent .....	3,200.00	Principal—Dwight .....	4,325.00
Health:		Principal—Mitchell .....	3,825.00
Agent (Part time) .....	1,125.00	Principal—Elliot .....	3,825.00
Cesspool Inspector .....	300.00	Supervisor Elementary Education .....	4,125.00
Clerk, Technician .....	2,200.00	Supervisor Elementary Music .....	2,325.00
Nurse .....	2,600.00	Supervisor Elementary and Senior High Art .....	3,425.00
Sanitary and Deputy Milk Inspector .....	625.00	Physical Education—Boys .....	4,475.00
Hospital:		Physical Education—Girls .....	3,925.00
Business Manager .....	5,000.00	Physical Education—Boys' Jr. High .....	4,425.00
Superintendent of Nurses .....	4,040.00	Physical Education—Girls' Jr. High .....	2,425.00
Assistant Superintendent of Nurses .....	3,240.00	Music Director .....	4,325.00
Night Supervisor .....	2,880.00	Remedial Reading—Master's Degree .....	3,425.00
Operating Room Supervisor .....	2,760.00	Guidance Director .....	4,825.00
Operating Room Nurse .....	2,520.00	Handwriting .....	1,600.00
Delivery Room Supervisor .....	2,760.00	Teachers—Women and Single Men:	
Delivery Room Head Nurse .....	2,760.00	No degrees:	
Floor Supervisor (Living in) .....	2,520.00	Minimum .....	None
Floor Supervisor (Living out) .....	2,760.00	Maximum .....	3,225.00
Central Supply Supervisor .....	2,760.00	Bachelor's Degree:	
Floor Duty Nurse—R.N. (7-3 shift) .....	2,400.00	Minimum .....	2,325.00
Floor Duty Nurse—R.N. (3 to 11 and 11 to 7 shift) .....	2,520.00	Maximum .....	3,825.00
Attendant Nurse (Living in) (7 to 3 shift) .....	1,980.00	Six Years Training:	
		Minimum .....	2,925.00
		Maximum .....	4,125.00



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Junior Clerk	1,690.00	Six Years Training:	4,125.00
Record Librarian	1,950.00	Minimum	3,225.00
Admitting Clerk	1,660.00	Maximum	4,425.00
Record room Clerk	1,660.00		
Telephone Operators	1,560.00	Non-Teaching:	
Janitor (Living in)	1,560.00	Superintendent of Buildings	3,200.00
Maintenance	2,220.00	Maintenance Man	3,000.00
Dietitian	3,400.00	Janitor—Senior	
1st Cook (Living in)	2,080.00	Minimum	2,625.00
2nd Cook	2,340.00	Maximum	2,925.00
Kitchen Porter	1,716.00	Janitor—Junior:	
Ward Maid	1,430.00	Minimum	2,325.00
Ward Maid	1,664.00	Maximum	2,625.00
Seamstress	1,560.00	Clerks:	
Laundry Manager	1,560.00	Accountant	2,550.00
Mangle Operator	1,820.00	Supt. of Schools and School Com-	
Linen Clerk (Laundry)	2,080.00	mittee Secretary	2,560.00
Relief Registered Nurse (Per hour)	1.60	Guidance Secretary	1,800.00
Relief Licensed Attendant (Per hour)	.85	Senior High School Secretary	1,900.00
Relief Porter (Per hour)	.55	Junior High School Secretary	1,650.00
Relief Telephone Operator (Per hour)	.75	Cafeteria Cooks:	
Relief Laboratory Technician (Per hour)	.90	Minimum	800.00
Relief Clerk (Record room) (Per hour)	1.00	Maximum	1,300.00
		Dietitian	3,125.00
Inspection:		Nurse	2,800.00
Building	3,700.00	Physician	600.00
Plumbing (Per inspection)	3.75	Truant Officer	500.00
Wiring	2,000.00	Recreation:	
Clerk (Part time)	1,200.00	Director of Recreation	2,640.00
Assistant Inspectors (Per week)	50.00	Beach:	
Library:		Supervisors (Per week)	50.00
Librarian	3,400.00	Lifeguard (Per week)	35.00
Assistant Librarian	2,625.00	Attendants (Per week)	30.00
Cataloguer	2,300.00	Playgrounds:	
Children's Librarian	2,300.00	Supervisor (Per week)	50.00
Circulation Librarian	1,600.00	Directors (Per week)	32.00
Clerical Librarian	1,600.00	Assistants (Per week)	24.00
Custodian	1,600.00	Baseball Umpire (Per season)	324.00
Library Assistant	2,500.00	Clerk	330.00
Extra Assistants (Per hour)	1.80	Janitors (Per hour)	1.00
Substitute Janitors (Per hour)	.65	Temporary Labor (Per hour)	1.90
Memorial Park:		Registrars (Part time)	187.50
Custodian	3,000.00	Scaler of Weights and Measures	1,000.00
Extra Labor (Per hour)	.75	Selected:	
Police:		Chairman	500.00
Chief	4,600.00	Board Members	375.00
Sergeant	3,600.00	Clerk	325.00
Patrolmen:		Tax Collector and Treas. (Part time)	4,170.00
Minimum	2,825.00	Town Council	3,000.00
Maximum	3,125.00	Town Clerk	3,500.00
Clerk	2,200.00	Town Hall and Grounds:	
Matron	500.00	Custodian	3,100.00
Special men (Per day)	7.50	Janitor	2,100.00
		Assistant Janitor	1,800.00
		Veterans' Agent	2,000.00
		Welfare Department:	
		Agent	3,600.00
		Visitor	2,075.00

# Jury List - 1950-1951

John Q. Adams	Regional Engineer	401 Warren St.
Kenneth F. Akers	Insurance	61 Fair Oaks Pk.
Arvid J. Amundsen	Machinist	13 Appleton Rd.
John W. Anderson	Jeweler	483 Gt. Plain Ave.
Walter S. Attridge	Insurance	17 Fairlawn St.
John E. Auchmoody	Asst. Treasurer	335 Charles River St.
Louis B. Avanzini	Foreman	61 Grant St.
Phillips Baker	Insurance	9 Hillcrest Rd.
Charles E. Barry	Retail Store Business	367 High Rock St.
Earle A. Beaton	Const. Engineer	35 Moseley Ave.
Arvid Brachman	Musician	14 Ellicott St.
Augustus Bradford	Auditor-Examiner	30 Rosegate Rd.
John H. Braine	Retired	376 Cartwright Rd.
John B. Brawley	Salesman	44 Barrett St.
Howard J. Buckley	Builder	17 Mayflower Rd.
Everett W. Burns	Insur. Approver	75 Laurel Dr.
Everett E. Byrd	Superintendent	57 Prospect St.
Alfred A. Byrnes	District Manager	80 Mayo Ave.
John W. Cable	Painter	34 Prospect St.
John F. Carey, Jr.	Purchasing Agent	120 Hillside Ave.
Edmund A. Carr	Insurance Adjuster	24 Oakhurst Cir.
Everett C. Cary	Industrial Engineer	31 Glendale Rd.
Frank Castagnetti	Operator	1086 Central Ave.
George G. Cheney	Bldg. Contractor	102 Pine St.
Byron B. Clark	Prof. Med.	21 Stevens Rd.
Arthur V. Collins	Representative	267 High Rock St.
Albert A. Conrad, Jr.	Mtg. Loan Insp.	24 Birchwood Rd.
Clyde E. Cookson	Electrician	102 Maple St.
Harry J. Coughlan	Contractor	569 Chestnut St.
Charles T. Creamer	Salesman	515 High Rock St.
James E. Cruickshank	Acc't Executive	6 Morningside Rd.
Richard S. Dade	Salesman	11 LaSalle Rd.
Richard W. Davis	Publisher	91 Morningside Rd.
John A. Devereaux	Salesman	66 Pilgrim Rd.
William Diederling	Mechanic	657 Webster St.
John G. Dimock	Tel. Repairman	254 Broadmeadow Rd.
Harry F. Doherty	Retired	59 Norfolk St.
Lewis F. Durgin	Corp. Treas.	134 Garden St.
E. Wesley Enman	Manager	423 Dedham Ave.
Charles E. Evans	Clerk	148 West St.
Elmer H. Everett	Engineer	1111 Highland Ave.
John S. Farlow	Insurance	769 South St.
James P. Farricy	Buffer	125 Webster St.
Andrew J. Fay	Salesman	26 Fairfield St.
William Fitzgerald	Admin. Asst.	337 West St.
Samuel J. Forsyth	Driver	1243 South St.
Richard Fortune	Office Manager	420 Webster St.
Paul J. Frank	Asst. Dept. Head	12 Oakland Ave.
Robert B. Gage	Retired	58 Grant St.
Gordon L. George	Service Manager	146 South St.
A. Victor Gilfoy	Executive	47 Newbury Pk.
Francis O. Goodwill	Salesman	85 Clarke Rd.

Melville J. Goodwin	Sales Engineer	21 Coolidge Ave.
Noble H. Griffin	Office Manager	1092 Highland Ave.
John A. Haffey	Upholsterer	639 Central Ave.
Ray C. Hall	Executive	17 Sutton Rd.
Arthur C. Hampton	Foreman	47 Prospect St.
John C. Hersome	Salesman	55 Coolidge Ave.
Charles E. Hess	Instructor	38 Prince St.
Charles F. Hogan	Chauffeur	49 Newell Ave.
Clayton L. Holden	Stock Broker	1075 Highland Ave.
Clarence E. Holmes	Foreman-Die Maker	617 Central Ave.
Roy F. Holmes	Retired	903 Webster St.
H. Arnold Houghton	Insurance	34 Wilson's Lane
George H. Howard	Foreman	38 Parkland Rd.
Leo W. Huegle	Retired	42 Newbury Pk.
Albert E. Hunter	Cert. Public Acct.	27 Prince St.
Howard H. Jensenius	Sales Engr.	1336 Gt. Plain Ave.
Putnam M. Johnson	Salesman	321 Webster St.
Martin E. Keady	Factory Employee	418 Hunnewell St.
Abraham I. Kelman	Cloth Cutter	38 Pleasant St.
Michael Kelly	Radio Engineer	36 Woodlawn Ave.
Royal G. Kenny	Elect. Broker	221 Greendale Ave.
John H. Kent	Elect. Repairman	164 West St.
Francis R. King	Retired	375 Warren St.
Andrew Lambert	At Home	1360 Gt. Plain Ave.
R. Edgar Lannon	Dividend Clerk	3 Plymouth Rd.
William R. LaRocque	Ind. Hygienist	134 Grant St.
George E. Leeper	Insur. Adjustor	62 Washington Ave.
Albert T. Liljequist	Merchant	108 Grant St.
Edward Livesey	Salesman	145 Grant St.
John A. Loud	Print. Machinery	123 Garden St.
Paul Linscott	Insurance Agent	42 LaSalle Rd.
Benedictus E. Lowman	District Manager	523 Gt. Plain Ave.
Angelo Lualdi	Sculptor	89 Birds Hill Ave.
Edwin A. Lundquist	Salesman	117 Grosvenor Rd.
Raymond F. Lyon	Salesman	171 Gt. Plain Ave.
Edward B. MacFarlane	Elect. Cont.	1246 Central Ave.
Edmund S. MacPherson	Ass't. Manager	119 Bradford St.
James I. Maloney	Salesman	122 Hoover Rd.
Frank J. Manning	Monument Dealer	29 Gibson St.
Leo F. McAdam	Night Watchman	1167 Gt. Plain Ave.
Joseph J. McAleney	Mechanic	326 Rosemary St.
William J. MacLaughlin	Retired	743 Webster St.
Wesley E. McQuarrie	Food Broker	21 Concord St.
Ernest W. Merchant	Elect. Engineer	16 Henderson St.
Robert Dexter Merritt	Invest. Analysis	62 Noyes St.
William Miller	Salesman	22 Pleasant St.
William W. Morrow	Salesman	56 Green St.
Laurence P. Morse	Machinist	1437 Gt. Plain Ave.
Harold B. Neal	Executive	53 Mt. Vernon St.
George A. Neilson	Insurance	80 Lawton Rd.
George Elmore Nicoll	Purchasing Agent	92 Taylor St.
Ray V. Norman	Sales Engineer	72 Marked Tree Rd.
Russell V. B. Nye	Salesman	63 Prince St.
Arthur W. Oakman	Artist	114 Powers St.
Charles A. Orne	Knitter	216 Brookline St.



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Edward B. Orr	Newspaper Ed. Writer	79 South St.
Ernest H. Osgood	Banker	133 Thornton Rd.
Richard C. J. Palson	Ind. Designer	43 Lincoln St.
Harry Pandolf	Contracting	106 Sachem Rd.
Olmstead Peet	Draftsman	357 Manning St.
Lawrence Perkins	Cont. Supt.	100 Hoover Rd.
Herbert A. Peterson	Asst. Mgr.	56 Oakland Ave.
Arthur Petterson	Dental Repairman	62 Kimball St.
Harry C. Philbrick, Jr.	Dept. Head	68 Kingsbury St.
Elmer L. Phillips	Salesman	86 School St.
John R. Pike	Engineer	24 Doane Ave.
Frederick A. Pilkington	Salesman	44 Hunnewell St.
Robert J. Plattner	Accountant	23 Norwich Rd.
George E. Pomeroy	Publishing	68 Redington Rd.
Francis A. Poole, Jr.	Manager	41 Lancaster Rd.
Charles F. Potter	Supervisor	77 Page Rd.
John J. Reed	Asst. Supt.	92 School St.
Raiford W. Remington	Purchasing Agent	63 Melrose Ave.
Gardner B. Roberts	Accountant	68 Melrose Ave.
Charles E. Rodenhaven	Salesman	117 Hoover Rd.
Frank C. Rohmer	Proprietor	65 Mt. Vernon Ave.
Edward A. Ryall	Manager	113 May St.
Samuel Scott	Architect	147 Thornton Rd.
Burt H. Shaw	Retired	53 Mayo Ave.
John A. Shelton	Banker	89 Green St.
Alfred E. Skeats	Elec. Engr.	58 Whittier Rd.
Harry E. Slaney	Machinist	170 West St.
Guy E. Small	Salesman	6 Mayo Ave.
Albert W. Smith	Salesman	99 Harris Ave.
Charles S. Snow	Retired	16 Walnut St.
Francis J. Stanwood	Retired	749 Gt. Plain Ave.
Stephen W. Stark	Lens Designer	13 Webster Pk.
Grenfell A. Swim	Asst. Sales Mgr.	372 Warren St.
Robert M. Tappan	Banker	731 South St.
John W. Tenhope	Asst. Manager	4 Wendling Rd.
Joseph Thomas	Engineer	9 Ridgeway Ave.
W. Randolph Taylor	Furniture	598 Webster St.
Albert L. Thompson	Sales Engineer	19 Parkinson St.
Oscar W. Tippet	Advertising	101 Wachusett Rd.
Leon H. Tompkins	Purchasing Agent	78 Sargent St.
Austin M. Tonner	Accountant	17 Warren St.
Carleton V. Topcliffe	Sales Manager	93 Paul Revere Rd.
Roy E. Towne	Salesman	33 Pennsylvania Ave.
George W. Terren	Mech. Engineer	69 Walnut St.
Albert E. Turner	Elec. Cont.	4 Lester St.
William C. Tyree	Supervisor	34 Washington Ave.
John S. Walker	Banking	465 Warren St.
Eliot B. Ware, Jr.	Insurance	212 Broadmeadow Rd.
Arnold E. Watkins	Display Man	231 Hunnewell St.
Hosea R. Wheeler	Pharmacist	44 Intervale Rd.
Waldemar R. White	Mechanic	96 Bradford St.
Walter B. Whitney	Mechanical Engr.	27 Fairview Rd.
George E. Wight	Inspector	23 Wilshire Pk.
Frank Winthrop	Manufacturer	61 Rybury Hillway
Roger A. Worrey	Superintendent	56 Tower Ave.

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# At Your Service

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

AMBULANCE	NE 3-1700
FIRE	NE 3-0142
HOSPITAL	NE 3-2803
POLICE	NE 3-1700
CIVIL DEFENSE	NE 3-2489

### For information on

### Call

### At

Assessments	Assessors	NE 3-0180
Bicycle Licenses	Police	NE 3-1700
Bills and Accounts	Accountant	NE 3-1666
Birth Certificates	Town Clerk	NE 3-2525
Building Permits	Inspections Dept.	NE 3-1920
Civil Defense		NE 3-2489
Death Certificates	Town Clerk	NE 3-2525
Dog Licenses	Town Clerk	NE 3-2525
Dogs—Lost and Found	Dog Officer	NE 3-2457-R
Elections	Town Clerk	NE 3-2525
Engineering	Public Works Dept.	NE 3-0670
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Fire Permits	Fire Dept.	NE 3-0142
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Licenses	Town Clerk	NE 3-2525
Forestry	Public Works Dept.	NE 3-0670
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Garbage Collection	Board of Health	NE 3-0345
Health	Board of Health	NE 3-0345
Library	Public Library	NE 3-0087
Lights, Street	Public Works Dept.	NE 3-0670
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Milk Inspection	Board of Health	NE 3-0345
Mortgages, Personal Property	Town Clerk	NE 3-2525
Mosquito Control	Public Works Dept.	NE 3-0670
Playgrounds and Recreation	Recreation Director	NE 3-0356
Schools	School Dept.	NE 3-0010
Selectmen	Selectmen	NE 3-0235
Sewers	Public Works Dept.	NE 3-0670
Streets	Public Works Dept.	NE 3-0670
Tax Assessments	Assessors	NE 3-0180
Tax Collections	Tax Collector	NE 3-0152
Town Hall	Custodian	NE 3-1518
Veterans	Veterans' Service Dept.	NE 3-2440
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Zoning	Inspections Dept.	NE 3-1920



# TOWN OF NEEDHAM

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Town Clerk's Records

OF THE

## Annual Election of Town Officers

March 13, 1950

AND

Annual Town Meeting

March 20, 1950



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# NEEDHAM TOWN RECORDS

FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1950

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## RECORD OF THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

March 13, 1950

Agreeably to a Warrant signed by the Selectmen February 7, 1950, the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, met in the Town Hall in said Town on Monday, March 13, 1950, at forty-five minutes after six o'clock in the forenoon.

The meeting was called to order and the Warrant and Officer's Return were read by the Moderator, Samuel H. Wragg, the reading of the Articles in the Warrant being waived upon motion.

The ballot boxes were inspected and found to be empty with the registers set on 0000. The boxes were then locked and the keys delivered to Henry W. Longley, the officer in attendance.

The ballot clerks were sworn to the faithful performance of their duties by the Moderator.

The ballots prepared by the Town Clerk for use at this election were then delivered to the ballot clerks and their receipt taken therefor.

The polls were opened at forty-five minutes after six o'clock in the forenoon and were kept open until eight o'clock in the afternoon.

Cards of instruction and specimen ballots were posted as required by Section 48, Chapter 54 of the General Laws.

**Article 1.** To choose by ballot the following Town Officers:

- Three Selectmen for one year;
- One Moderator for one year;
- One Town Clerk for one year;
- One Assessor for three years;
- One Town Treasurer and Tax Collector for three years;
- One Member of the Board of Public Welfare for three years;
- Two Trustees of the Public Library for three years;
- Two Trustees of Memorial Park for three years;
- Two Members of the School Committee for three years;
- One Member of the Board of Health for three years;
- One Commissioner of Trust Funds for three years;
- One Member of the Town Planning Board for five years;
- One Member of the Recreation Commission for three years;
- One Member of the Needham Housing Authority for five years;
- Two Constables for one year;
- Three Town Meeting Members from District 1 for one year;
- One Town Meeting Member from District 2 for two years;
- One Town Meeting Member from District 3 for one year;
- One Town Meeting Member from District 3 for two years;
- One Town Meeting Member from District 4 for two years;
- One Town Meeting Member from District 5 for one year;
- Two Town Meeting Members from District 5 for two years;
- Sixteen Town Meeting Members from each District, namely 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, for three years.

## TOWN OF NEEDHAM

The ballots were audibly counted by the Moderator when taken from the box, and at 11:20 A.M. 650 ballots were taken from the box;  
 at 3:05 P.M. 607 ballots were taken from the box;  
 at 5:20 P.M. 410 ballots were taken from the box;  
 at 6:55 P.M. 467 ballots were taken from the box;  
 at 8:15 P.M. 513 ballots were taken from the box;

making a total number

of ballots cast..... 2,647, of which number 22 were absentee ballots.

The vote by districts was as follows:

District	Total Vote
1	676
2	692
3	479
4	465
5	335
	<hr/> 2,647

A canvass of all votes given was made as required by law. Upon completion of the canvass of all votes cast the result of the voting was declared by the Moderator to be as follows, viz:

*For Moderator*

Samuel H. Wragg .....	2,216
Blanks .....	431

and Samuel H. Wragg was declared elected Moderator for one year.

*For Town Clerk*

Marian S. Peterson .....	2,369
Blanks .....	278

and Marian S. Peterson was declared elected Town Clerk for one year.

*For Selectmen*

Emery S. Doane .....	2,206
George M. Pond .....	2,152
Edward J. Stewart .....	2,215
Blanks .....	1,368

and Emery S. Doane, George M. Pond and Edward J. Stewart were declared elected Selectmen for one year.

*For Assessor (for three years)*

Harold M. Hill .....	708
A. Sterling Holt .....	1,821
Blanks .....	118

and A. Sterling Holt was declared elected Assessor for three years.

*For Department of Public Welfare (for three years)*

Harold H. Cramer .....	2,221
Blanks .....	426

and Harold H. Cramer was declared elected member of the Board of Public Welfare for three years.

*For Treasurer and Collector of Taxes (for three years)*

Arnold Mackintosh .....	2,295
Blanks .....	352

and Arnold Mackintosh was declared elected Treasurer and Collector of taxes for three years.



*For School Committee (for three years)*

Raymond F. Bosworth .....	1,624
Francis W. Coburn .....	759
John Barr Dolan .....	1,138
Edwin M. Wainwright .....	1,117
Blanks .....	656
and Raymond F. Bosworth and John Barr Dolan were declared elected members of the School Committee for three years.	

*For Trustees of Memorial Park (for three years)*

Samuel D. Low .....	2,218
Paul B. Richwagen .....	2,263
Blanks .....	813
and Samuel D. Low and Paul B. Richwagen were declared elected Trustees of Memorial Park for three years.	

*For Trustees of Public Library (for three years)*

Arthur L. King .....	2,204
Laura G. Willgoose .....	2,234
Blanks .....	856
and Arthur L. King and Laura G. Willgoose were declared elected Trustees of Public Library for three years.	

*Board of Health (for three years)*

David E. Mann .....	2,297
Blanks .....	350
and David E. Mann was declared elected a member of the Board of Health for three years.	

*For Planning Board (for five years)*

Benjamin Mills, Jr. ....	2,212
Blanks .....	435
and Benjamin Mills, Jr., was declared elected a member of the Town Planning Board for five years.	

*For Commissioner of Trust Funds (for three years)*

Roger W. Nutt .....	2,185
Blanks .....	462
and Roger W. Nutt was declared elected Commissioner of Trust Funds for three years.	

*For Constables*

William W. Hewett. ....	2,247
Frank J. Reinhardt, Jr. ....	2,135
Blanks .....	912
and William W. Hewett and Frank J. Reinhardt, Jr., were declared elected Constables for one year.	

*For Recreation Commission (for three years)*

Cornelius J. Coughlin .....	656
Robert C. Slack .....	1,672
Blanks .....	319
and Robert C. Slack was declared elected a member of the Recreation Commission for three years.	

*For Member of Needham Housing Authority (for five years)*

Robert W. S. Cox .....	2,111
Blanks .....	536
and Robert W. S. Cox was declared elected a member of the Needham Housing Authority for five years.	

## TOWN OF NEEDHAM

The following were elected Town Meeting Members.

*District Number 1 (for three years)*

Richard M. Allen .....	409	Wesley J. Middleton .....	346
Frank A. Bell .....	445	Letty S. Proctor .....	391
Philip H. Claxton .....	527	Ralph F. Reeves .....	330
William H. Cotter, Jr. ....	457	Edward G. Sayce .....	435
George D. Horr .....	391	Harold A. Smith .....	408
Arthur G. Johnson .....	423	Francis E. Stanwood .....	403
Paul H. Linscott .....	436	Nelson A. Talmadge.....	387
Aaron A. Loomis .....	402	Julia B. Twigg.....	461

*District Number 1 (for one year)*

H. Kent Crabtree .....	374
Philip F. Foss .....	343
John B. Moseley .....	420

*District Number 2 (for three years)*

J. Roland Ackroyd .....	469	Alan H. McIntosh .....	468
Lucy E. Bliss .....	403	Gretta S. Moulton .....	402
Ralph E. Chambers .....	401	Edwin W. L. Page .....	435
James E. Cruickshank .....	387	George A. Potter.....	530
Herbert J. Denner.....	405	Russell J. Rice.....	458
Harold F. Eastman .....	429	Holley A. Wilkinson .....	382
Julius F. Hall .....	380	Beatrice A. Wood .....	435
Arthur L. King .....	430	Stimson Wyeth .....	457

*District Number 2 (for two years)*

Horace P. Moulton.....	537
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*District Number 3 (for three years)*

Stuart L. Blake .....	333	Emma F. Leach .....	280
Francis H. Burr .....	333	Kenneth J. McCulloch....	313
Clarence S. Burton .....	326	Hollis P. Nichols .....	313
Eva H. Churchill.....	375	Julia M. Preble .....	314
Byron K. Elliott .....	324	Merrick P. Rawstron ....	292
Fred L. Fanning .....	308	Joseph P. Richardson....	296
Ray C. Hall .....	354	Sullivan A. Sargent, Jr. ..	281
Marcel E. Johnson .....	302	Roby S. Thomas .....	286

*District Number 3 (for one year)*

George H. Krech.....	390
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*District Number 3 (for two years)*

J. Boyd Britton.....	243
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*District Number 4 (for three years)*

Theodore P. Bell .....	308	Waldo M. Hunt .....	225
Frances K. Bragg .....	295	Robert N. King.....	279
Richard D. Burnham .....	215	Chester R. Mills .....	365
Clyde E. Cookson .....	280	Carleton D. Morse .....	284
Thomas J. Crossman .....	320	Derwood A. Newman.....	260
Robert F. Day .....	273	John V. Phelan .....	257
Herbert L. Dodge .....	250	Francis W. Shaw.....	241
W. Bigelow Hall .....	238	Helen E. White .....	208

*District Number 4 (for two years)*

J. Allan McKinlay .....	204
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*District Number 5 (for three years)*

Fred G. Atchinson .....	217	Robert J. Latham .....	235
Lawrence G. Caulton .....	226	Harry Martin .....	215
Almon G. Coburn .....	205	Bert B. Richards .....	181
Chester R. Flint .....	196	Karl W. Richards, Jr. ....	188
Edward E. Hallein .....	205	Asa M. Small .....	247
Joseph W. Hauptman .....	234	Charles E. Spicer .....	246
Everett H. Heald .....	218	John F. Taylor, Jr. ....	219
Arthur F. Johnson .....	197	Robert B. Wyness .....	211

*District Number 5 (for one year)*

Frederic S. Mann .....	246
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*District Number 5 (for two years)*

Victoria D. Hamburger ....	201
Munroe Husbands .....	189

**Article 2.** To submit the following question upon the official ballot, to the registered voters of the Town:

"Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and fifty entitled 'An Act relative to voting precincts and the nomination, election and terms of office of town meeting members in the Town of Needham,' be accepted by this Town?"

Yes .....	1,467
No .....	338
Blanks .....	842

**Article 3.** To submit the following question upon the official ballot, to the registered voters of the Town:

"Shall the Town accept Chapter 207 of the Acts of 1946 entitled: 'An Act relative to the licensed operation on the Lord's Day of Bowling Alleys'?"

Yes .....	911
No .....	1,317
Blanks .....	419

All the ballots cast, the undistributed ballots and check lists were sealed up, endorsed by the Election Officer and placed in the custody of the Town Clerk.

Adjourned at 11:30 P.M., Monday, March 13, 1950.

MARIAN S. PETERSON,  
Town Clerk.



ANNUAL TOWN MEETING FOR THE  
TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS

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March 20, 1950

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Pursuant to a Warrant issued by the Selectmen February 7, 1950, the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham qualified to vote in Town Affairs met in the Town Hall in said Town on Monday, March 20, 1950, at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The checkers appointed by the Selectmen were sworn to the faithful performance of their duties by the Town Clerk.

Check lists were used and 518 voters were checked on the list as being present. There were 222 Town Meeting Members present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 o'clock P.M., by the Moderator, Samuel H. Wragg, and the call to the meeting and the officer's return were read by the Town Clerk, the reading of the Articles in the Warrant being waived upon motion.

The Moderator proceeded to Article 4.

**Article 4.** To choose and appoint all other Town Officers in such manner as the Town may determine.

*Voted:* That the following Town Officers be elected:

*Town Agents:* Emery S. Doane, George M. Pond, Edward J. Stewart.

*Measurers of Wood and Bark:* James H. Whetton, Frederick A. Whetton.

*Public Weighers:* James H. Whetton, Frederick A. Whetton, John J. Whetton, Ernest Lyons, Nicholas A. O'Brien, Sr., James Gilleran, Albert McNamara, Richard L. Nims, Betty Rosenkrans, Ralph T. Woodcock, Lawrence Shields, Edmund Cusack, Oreste Nardone, Albert Ravinski, Neil E. Burgess, Thelma B. Clough, John Tresca, Joseph P. Simmons.

**Article 5.** To hear and act on the reports of Town Officers and Committees.

*Voted:* That the Reports of Town Officers and Committees be accepted and placed on file.

**Article 6.** To see what action the Town will take relative to unexpended balances and deficiencies of 1949.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$1,171.01 be appropriated to pay certain bills, contracted for in 1949 but not received in time to be paid, and to meet certain deficiencies incurred in 1949.

**Article 7.** To see what action the Town will take relative to unexpended balances and deficiencies of 1950.

*Voted:* That unpaid bills contracted in 1950, but not received by the Town until after January 1, 1951, regarded as "unpaid bills," be paid in January, 1951, from cash on hand, and that the amount so paid be reported by the Town Accountant to the Finance Committee to be included in their report of appropriations for 1951.

**Article 8.** To see what disposition the Town will make of monies received pursuant to Section 172 of Chapter 140 of the General Laws as the Town's share of the unexpended balance of the Dog Fund.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$2,218.06, received pursuant to Section 172 of Chapter 140 of the General Laws as the Town's share of the unexpended balance of the Dog Fund, be appropriated for the use of the Public Library.

**Article 9.** To see what action the Town will take relative to the compensation of its Town Officers, other than elective officers and its employees.

*Voted:* That the compensation of Town Officers, other than elective officers, and Town employees for the year 1950 be the same as voted in the annual budget.

**Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided in Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended:

Town Clerk

Board of Selectmen	{	Chairman of the Board
		Second Member
		Third Member

Board of Assessors	{	Principal Assessor
		Second Assessor
		Third Assessor

Town Treasurer and Tax Collector

and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the salaries of the Town Clerk, the members of the Board of Selectmen, the members of the Board of Assessors and the Town Treasurer and Tax Collector be the amounts appropriated for such purposes under Article 14 of this Warrant, such salaries to be retroactive to January 1, 1950.

**Article 11.** To see in what manner the Town will have its taxes collected in the current year.

*Voted:* That the taxes for the current year be collected in the same manner as in the year 1949, and that the compensation therefor be the same as voted in the Annual Budget.

**Article 12.** To see what action the Town will take relative to amendments and exceptions to the Rules and Regulations Governing the Classification of Personnel employed by the Town, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

*Voted:* That the Town approve the action of the Finance Committee wherein it approved the employment, by the Trustees of the Public Library, of the present Librarian at an entrance salary of \$100.00 greater than the minimum salary established by the Town.

*Voted:* That the Rules and Regulations Governing the Classification of Personnel as adopted by the 1949 Annual Town Meeting be amended by adding thereto a new classification, as follows:

Plumbing Inspector — \$3.75 per inspection made, said fee to include travel expenses.

Mr. Crossman moved that Article 13 be taken up after Article 14, and it was so voted.

**Article 14.** To see what sums of money the Town will appropriate for the necessary Town charges and expenses.

Under this Article, the following appropriations were made. Each item being voted on separately, viz:

*Voted:* That the sum of \$9,822.00 be appropriated for the Accounting Department, as follows:

Salaries .....	\$8,600.00
Expenses .....	1,222.00

*Voted:* That the sum of \$11,813.09 be appropriated for the Assessors' Department, as follows:

Salaries .....	\$10,313.09
Expenses .....	1,500.00

*Voted:* That the sum of \$1,100.00 be appropriated for the Finance Committee, as follows:

Salaries .....	\$600.00
Expenses .....	500.00

*Voted:* That the sum of \$535.00 be appropriated for the Board of Appeals, as follows:

Salaries .....	\$300.00
Expenses .....	235.00

*Voted:* That the sum of \$108,122.70 be appropriated for the Fire Department, as follows:

Salaries .....	\$94,581.70
Expenses .....	1,248.00
Building Maintenance .....	4,870.00
Equipment Maintenance .....	2,393.00
Equipment and Supplies .....	4,880.00
Out of State Travel .....	150.00

*Voted:* That the sum of \$14,670.00 be appropriated for the Fire Alarm Department, as follows:

Salaries .....	\$3,675.00
Expenses .....	6,095.00
Equipment Maintenance .....	300.00
Specials:	
For placing certain equipment underground .....	2,300.00
For increasing the number of circuits in the present fire alarm system .....	2,300.00

*Voted:* That the sum of \$400.00 be appropriated for the Forest Warden Service, as follows:

Paid Service .....	\$200.00
Expenses .....	100.00
Forest Patrol .....	100.00

*Voted:* That the sum of \$254,920.88 be appropriated for the Glover Memorial Hospital, as follows:

Salaries .....	\$159,789.52
Building Maintenance .....	21,196.45
Expenses and Services .....	5,422.64
Supplies and Equipment .....	68,362.27
Out of State Travel .....	150.00



*Voted:* That the sum of \$24,132.14 be appropriated for Board of Health, as follows:

Salaries .....	\$7,307.64
Expenses .....	1,224.50
Hospitalization .....	3,250.00
Garbage Removal .....	8,500.00
Mosquito Control .....	3,850.00

The following *substitute Motion* presented by the Building Inspector did not carry.

*Moved:* That the sum of \$12,665.00 be appropriated for the Inspection Department.

Mr. Cotter moved for a count of hands. Mr. Chambers and Mr. Moore were sworn as tellers. The result was 97 yes and 106 no.

and it was

*Voted:* That the sum of \$10,480.00 be appropriated for the Inspection Department as follows:

Salaries .....	\$9,280.00
Expenses .....	350.00
Transportation .....	850.00

*Voted:* That the sum of \$29,463.56 be appropriated for Insurance, as follows:

Automobile .....	\$3,002.74
Workmen's Compensation .....	16,000.00
Engine Breakdown .....	1,100.00
Fire .....	8,727.87
Public Liability .....	464.00
Glass .....	10.00
Burglary and Theft .....	158.95

*Voted:* That the sum of \$3,450.00 be appropriated for Legal services and expenses, as follows:

Salaries .....	\$3,000.00
Damages .....	150.00
Expenses .....	300.00

*Voted:* That the sum of \$26,472.18 be appropriated for the Public Library; provided, that the sum of \$397.14, being the income from the Barr and Greenwood funds, be transferred to the Library; and provided further, that the further sum of \$2,218.06, being the amount received by the Town from the County Dog Fund, be transferred to the Library, the total amount of \$29,087.38 to be expended as follows:

Salaries .....	\$19,109.38
Expenses .....	1,155.00
Books and Periodicals .....	5,050.00
Binding .....	600.00
Building Maintenance .....	2,143.00
Branch Library — Rent .....	1,000.00
Branch Library — Insurance .....	30.00

*Voted:* That the sum of \$9,122.00 be appropriated from the following sources for Memorial Park:

From the current Tax Levy .....	\$7,892.00
From the Excess and Deficiency Account .....	1,230.00

said sum to be expended as follows:

Salaries .....	4,522.00
Expenses .....	2,470.00

**Specials:**

For the repair and reconstruction of the Cinder Track	\$900.00
For certain repairs to the Legion Home, made necessary by fire during 1949 .....	1,230.00

*Voted:* That the following amounts be appropriated for the several miscellaneous accounts, as follows:

For the salary of Dog Officer .....	\$875.00
For the salary of Animal Inspector .....	437.50
For the expenses and transportation of the Animal In- specter.....	125.00
For the payment of certain Annuities .....	3,750.00
For the maintenance of Soldiers' Graves .....	750.00
For the printing of Annual Town Reports and Proceedings of Town Meetings and Elections .....	2,950.00
For unclassified miscellaneous expenses to be expended under the supervision of Selectmen .....	300.00
For expenses of Memorial Day .....	450.00
For the purchase of a Mimeograph Machine, said ma- chine to be under the care and custody of the Selectmen and to be available for the use of all Town Departments	375.00

Provided, however, that the incurring of any indebtedness, to be paid from the appropriation for Memorial Day, shall be subject to the approval of the Selectmen.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$915.00 be appropriated for the Planning Board, as follows:

Salaries .....	\$375.00
Expenses .....	540.00

Upon presentation of the Police Department budget, the following *Substitute Motion* was introduced by Mr. Pond.

*Moved:* That the motion before the meeting be amended by adding to the "New Cruising Car and Other Equipment" item, the sum of \$2,767.35, so as to make said item read:

Cruising Car and Other Equipment.....	\$6,303.35
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A discussion followed in which it was brought out that if the ambulance did not go out of Needham a second ambulance would not be necessary. Mr. Cotter then moved that Article 14 be placed on the table and consideration given to Article 13.

**Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to place any restrictions upon the use outside the Town of the Town-owned ambulance; or take any other action relative thereto.

The following motion did not carry.

*Moved:* That the Town-owned ambulance be used only within the geographical limits of the Town.

The budget of the Police Department under Article 14, was then resumed.

The *Substitute Motion* by Mr. Pond calling for \$6,303.35 for the purchase of a Cruising Car and Other Equipment, did not carry,  
and it was

*Voted:* That the sum of \$99,096.00 be appropriated for the Police Department, as follows:

Salaries .....	\$81,035.00
Expenses .....	2,480.00
Supplies and Equipment .....	3,000.00
Uniforms .....	1,200.00
Automobile Maintenance .....	3,825.00
Building Maintenance .....	3,070.00
Travel Out of State .....	150.00
For the purchase of new cruising car and other equipment .....	3,536.00
For certain expenses for equipment of Auxiliary Police ..	300.00
For certain repairs and improvements in the Police Signal System .....	500.00

and the Police Department is authorized to credit the purchase price of new equipment or automobiles, with the value of any like equipment turned in, as a part of the purchase price.

Upon presentation of the School Budget, Mr. Hunter moved that the School Department budget be considered in two parts, the first to include salaries \$471,176.75 and the second all other amounts \$116,566.08 (net of income from the Dwight School Fund) and it was so voted.

Mr. Hunter then offered the following *Substitute Motion* on the salaries:

*Moved:* That the sum of \$464,616.75 be appropriated for salaries of the School Department. After considerable discussion this motion was put to a vote and it did not carry.

It was then

*Voted:* Salaries ..... \$471,176.75

The second part of the School budget was then considered. Mr. Hall, for the School Committee, moved that the sum of \$119,066.08 be appropriated for the School Department, to be expended as follows:

General Control .....	\$2,100.00
Instruction .....	25,650.00
Operation .....	28,600.00
Maintenance .....	22,000.00
Auxiliary Agencies .....	9,900.00
Outlay .....	12,783.00
Travel Out of State .....	250.00
Transportation .....	15,000.00
Vocational Tuition .....	3,000.00
Less Dwight School Fund .....	216.92

Mr. Hall explained that included in this amount was the sum of \$2,500.00 for band uniforms. Mr. Frank Godfrey offered the following amendment to this motion.

That \$2,500.00 of the appropriation herein made shall be made available from the War Salvage Fund.

The *Substitute Motion* as amended carried, and it was

*Voted:* That the sum of \$590,242.83 be appropriated for the School Department, and that the additional sum of \$216.92, being the income

from the Dwight School Fund, be transferred to the School Department, the total of \$590,459.75 to be expended as follows:

Salaries .....	\$471,176.75
General Control .....	2,100.00
Instruction .....	25,650.00
Operation .....	28,600.00
Maintenance .....	22,000.00
Auxiliary Agencies .....	9,900.00
Outlay .....	12,783.00
Travel Out of State .....	250.00
Transportation .....	15,000.00
Vocational Tuition .....	3,000.00

*Voted:* That the sum of \$15,861.00 be appropriated for Recreation, as follows:

Salaries .....	\$11,310.00
Services .....	571.00
Supplies and Equipment .....	2,120.00
Special Expenses .....	400.00
Equipment Maintenance .....	1,100.00
Building Maintenance .....	360.00

*Voted:* That the sum of \$295,800.00 be appropriated for the Public

Works Department, as follows:

Salaries and Wages .....	\$160,500.00
Expenses .....	60,000.00
Snow Removal .....	20,000.00
Street Lighting .....	27,500.00
For the replacement of certain equipment .....	7,000.00
For the purchase of certain new equipment .....	20,500.00
Travel Out of State .....	300.00

Provided, that the total sum hereby appropriated shall be raised as follows:

From the current Tax Levy .....	\$285,712.60
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By transfer of unexpended balances from the following articles and in the indicated following amounts:

From Article 26 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of 1948 for the construction of Highgate Street .....	\$1,350.00
From Article 29 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of 1949 for the construction of Whittier and Lancaster Road .....	*1,000.00
From Article 30 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of 1949 for the construction of Birchwood Road .....	715.00
From Article 31 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of 1949 for the construction of Lester Street ..	.90
From Article 19 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of 1949 for the construction of drains on certain private lands .....	229.17
From Article 17 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of 1949 for the construction of drains on certain private ways .....	2,305.12
From Article 21 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of 1948 for the construction of drains on Manning Street and Overlook Road .....	3,252.35
From Article 20 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of 1949 for the specific repairs on certain ways .....	1,214.44
From Article 5 of the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting of November, 1948, for the installation of a certain traffic signal .....	20.42



Provided, further, that the Public Works Department is authorized to credit the purchase price of new equipment with the value of any equipment to be turned in, as a part of the purchase price.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$9,006.92 be appropriated for the Registrars of Voters, as follows:

Salaries .....	\$2,766.92
Tellers and Canvassers .....	3,325.00
Expenses .....	2,915.00

*Voted:* That the sum of \$25,000.00 be appropriated for the Reserve Fund, said sum to be raised as follows:

From the Overlay Reserve Fund .....	\$8,000.00
From the Tax Levy of the Current year.....	17,000.00

*Voted:* That the sum of \$2,740.00 be appropriated for the Selectmen, as follows:

Salaries .....	\$1,575.00
Expenses .....	665.00
Town Meetings .....	500.00

*Voted:* That the sum of \$6,202.00 be appropriated for the Town Clerk's Department, as follows:

Salaries .....	\$5,502.00
Expenses .....	650.00
Fees .....	50.00

*Voted:* That the sum of \$11,172.00 be appropriated for the care and maintenance of the Town Hall and Grounds, as follows:

Salaries .....	\$6,455.00
Maintenance .....	4,717.00

*Voted:* That the sum of \$11,365.00 be appropriated for the Treasurer and Tax Collector, as follows:

Salaries .....	\$8,570.00
Expenses .....	1,985.00
Bonds .....	740.00
Tax Title Expenses .....	70.00

*Voted:* That the sum of \$29,470.00 be appropriated for the Veterans' Service Department, as follows:

Salaries .....	\$5,150.00
Expenses .....	520.00
Transportation.....	300.00
Veterans' Benefits .....	23,500.00

*Voted:* That the sum of \$1,390.50 be appropriated for the Sealer of Weights and Measures, as follows:

Salaries .....	\$1,000.00
Expenses .....	140.50
Transportation.....	250.00

*Voted:* That the sum of \$90,736.38 be appropriated for the Board of Public Welfare, as follows:

Salaries .....	\$6,419.38
Expenses .....	817.00
General Relief .....	14,500.00
Old Age Assistance .....	58,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children .....	11,000.00

*Voted:* That the sum of \$23,362.00 be appropriated for the Board of Retirement, as follows:

Contributions to the System and for the payment of certain annuities and retirement allowances .....	\$22,812.00
Expenses .....	550.00

*Voted:* That the following sums, from the designated sources, be appropriated for the payment of interest on, and the extinguishment of the public debt, and for the payment of interest on authorized temporary loans:

From Bond premiums .....	\$12,267.50
From the Tax Levy of the Current year .....	144,550.63

**Article 15.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1951, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

*Voted:* That the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be and he is hereby authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1951, and to issue the note or notes of the Town therefor, payable within one year, and to renew such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

**Article 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$400.00 for the instruction of aliens residing in the Town of Needham in Americanism and preparation for citizenship, said instruction to be under the supervision of the School Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$400.00 be raised and appropriated from the current tax levy for the instruction of aliens residing in the Town of Needham in Americanism and preparation for citizenship, said instruction to be under the supervision of the School Committee.

**Article 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$2,000.00 for maintaining the sanitary condition of Rosemary Lake and for the preparation and upkeep of Rosemary Beach, to be expended under the direction of the Department of Public Works; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$2,000.00 be raised and appropriated from the current tax levy for maintaining the sanitary condition of Rosemary Lake and for the preparation and upkeep of Rosemary Beach, to be expended under the direction of the Public Works Department.

**Article 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Road construction; transfer the sum of \$15,000.00 from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the State and County shares of the total cost, this amount, when received by way of reimbursement from the State and County, to be restored to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$5,000.00 be raised and appropriated from the current tax levy to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 road construction, and that in addition the sum of \$15,000.00 be transferred

from the Excess and Deficiency Account to meet the State and County shares of the cost, the re-imbursement from the State and County to be restored upon receipt to the Excess and Deficiency Account.

**Article 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$35,100.00 for the installation of storm water drains in the following private ways proposed for acceptance by the Town:

Highgate Street, Rybury Hillway, Douglas Road, Thornton Road, Upland Road, Rosegate Road, Parker Road, Virginia Road and Washington Avenue;

determine how such sum shall be raised, whether by transfer from available funds, from the current tax levy or by borrowing, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

The following *Substitute Motion* by Mr. Potter for the residents of Thornton Road did not carry.

*Moved:* That the sum of \$17,300.00 be raised and appropriated from the current tax levy for the installation of storm water drains in the following private ways proposed for acceptance by the Town: Highgate Street, Douglas Road and Thornton Road.

and it was

*Voted:* That the sum of \$13,300.00 be raised and appropriated from the current tax levy for the installation of storm water drains in the following private ways proposed for acceptance by the Town: Highgate Street and Douglas Road.

**Article 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$25,500.00 for extending the storm water drainage system in or connecting with the existing storm water drainage system in the following Town ways, as proposed by the Department of Public Works:

Lindbergh Avenue, Murphy Road, Fairview Road, Walnut Street, Nehoiden Street, Webster Street and Central Avenue;

determine how such sum shall be raised, whether by transfer from available funds, from the current tax levy or by borrowing, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$8,600.00 be raised and appropriated from the current tax levy for extending the storm water drainage system in, or connecting with the storm water drainage already installed in, the following Town ways: Lindbergh Avenue, Murphy Road, Fairview Road and Walnut Street.

**Article 21.** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue and to authorize the Selectmen, acting in behalf of the Town, to convey to William H. Carter, or his nominee, for the sum of one dollar, so much of the public highway as forms a part of the intersection of Paul Revere Road and Tower Avenue and is bounded and described as follows:

Northeasterly by a curved line having a radius of 50.00 feet a distance of 31.87 feet; Northeasterly again by a curved line having a radius of 120.98 feet a distance of 48.09 feet, Northerly 21.65 feet; Northeasterly by a curved line having a radius of 65.00 feet a distance of 102.70 feet; Easterly by a curved line having a radius of 35.00 feet a distance of 34.60 feet, all of the foregoing five lines being bounded by land now or formerly of William H. Carter and totalling 238.91 feet; Southwesterly by the intersection of Paul

Revere Road and Tower Avenue 180.87 feet and by a curved line having a radius of 74.96 feet a distance of 33.24 feet. Containing 4560 feet more or less, and being shown as a lot marked "Portion to be Abandoned" on a plan entitled "Plan of Abandonment of a portion of public way by the Town of Needham, Mass. Scale: 1 in. = 40 ft. Frank L. Cheney, Civil Engineer." dated October 21, 1949;

or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town discontinue as a public way and that the Selectmen on behalf of the Town, be and they are hereby authorized to convey to William H. Carter or his nominee, for the sum of one dollar, so much of the public highway as forms a part of the intersection of Paul Revere Road and Tower Avenue and is bounded and described as follows:

Northeasterly by a curved line having a radius of 50.00 feet a distance of 31.87 feet; Northeasterly again by a curved line having a radius of 120.98 feet a distance of 48.09 feet, Northerly 21.65 feet; Northeasterly by a curved line having a radius of 65.00 feet a distance of 102.70 feet; Easterly by a curved line having a radius of 35.00 feet a distance of 34.60 feet, all of the foregoing five lines being bounded by land now or formerly of William H. Carter and totalling 238.91 feet; Southwesterly by the intersection of Paul Revere Road and Tower Avenue 180.87 feet and by a curved line having a radius of 74.96 feet a distance of 33.24 feet. Containing 4560 feet more or less, and being shown as a lot marked "Portion to be Abandoned" on a plan entitled "Plan of Abandonment of a portion of public way by the Town of Needham, Mass. Scale: 1 in. = 40 ft. Frank L. Cheney, Civil Engineer." dated October 21, 1949.

*Unanimous Vote*

**Article 22.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$18,750.00 for the alteration of and specific repairs upon, and the construction of portions of the following Town ways, to conform to established layouts:

Marked Tree Road from High Rock Street to Central Avenue;  
High Rock Street from Marked Tree Road to the Railroad Bridge; the intersection of Tower Avenue and Paul Revere Road;

determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds or by borrowing, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$13,250.00 be raised and appropriated from the current tax levy for the alteration of and specific repairs upon, and the construction of portions of the following Town ways, to conform to established layouts: Marked Tree Road from High Rock Street to Central Avenue; the intersection of Tower Avenue and Paul Revere Road; and, to the extent that funds from this appropriation are available and will permit, High Rock Street from Marked Tree Road to the Railroad Bridge.

**Article 23.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$7,000.00 for the alteration of and specific repairs upon any and all portions of the following ways and intersections for the purpose of improving hazardous conditions:

Intersections of Central Avenue with Cedar Street, Wellesley Avenue, Webster Street and Nehoiden Street; Manson Road; and portions of Great Plain Avenue;



determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds or by borrowing, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$2,800.00 be raised and appropriated from the current tax levy for the alteration of and specific repairs upon any and all portions of the following ways and intersections for the purpose of improving hazardous conditions: Portions of Great Plain Avenue; the intersection of Central Avenue with Nehoiden Street; and Manson Road.

**Article 24.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$55,224.38 for the payment of principal and interest due on sewer construction loan bonds in 1950; determine how such sum shall be raised; or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. Hardy explained that this was taken care of in Article 14.

*Voted:* That this article be dismissed.

**Article 25.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$79,752.94 for the extension of the sewerage system in certain streets as petitioned for by abutters and in ways petitioned for acceptance and construction under the Betterment Act and for various intercepting sewers; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds or by borrowing, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$79,752.94 be raised and appropriated for the extension of the sewerage system in certain streets as petitioned for by abutters and in ways petitioned for acceptance and construction under the Betterment Act; and for various intercepting sewers; and that for said purposes the sum of \$10,000.00 be raised from the current tax levy; the sum of \$29,752.94 be transferred from the Sewer Assessment Reserve Fund; and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be and he is hereby authorized in the name and on behalf of the Town to borrow the balance of \$40,000.00 and to issue the notes or bonds of the Town therefor, payable in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Sections 7 and 19 as amended, so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than twenty (20) years.

*Unanimous Vote*

**Article 26.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$25,000.00 for the construction of particular sewers and connecting drains to buildings, under the provisions of law authorizing assessments; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds or by borrowing, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$25,000.00 be raised and appropriated from the current tax levy for the construction of particular sewers and connecting drains to buildings, under the provisions of law authorizing assessments.

**Article 27.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the construction of sidewalks under the Betterment Act as petitioned for by abutters; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds or by borrowing, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

The following *Substitute Motion* offered by the Selectmen did not carry.

*Moved:* That the sum of \$5,000.00 be raised and appropriated from the current tax levy for the construction of sidewalks under the Betterment Act as petitioned for by abutters.

The original motion by the Finance Committee was amended as follows:

*Voted:* Strike out \$1,000.00 and substitute \$2,200.00.

It was then

*Voted:* That the sum of \$2,200.00 be raised and appropriated from the current tax levy for the construction of sidewalks under the Betterment Act as petitioned for by abutters.

**Article 28.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$115,000.00 for water main construction and the extension of services to houses; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds or by borrowing, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$105,000.00 be raised and appropriated for water main construction and the extension of services to houses; and that for said purposes the sum of \$30,000.00 be raised from the current tax levy and the sum of \$75,000.00 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

**Article 29.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$75,000.00 for the replacement of the water storage tank on Ryan's Hill; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds or by borrowing, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$75,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the replacement of the Town's water storage tank on Ryan's Hill; and that for said purpose the sum of \$10,000.00 be raised from the current tax levy; the sum of \$35,000.00 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account; and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be and he is hereby authorized in the name and on behalf of the Town to borrow the balance of \$30,000.00 and to issue the notes or bonds of the Town therefor, payable in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Sections 8 and 19, as amended, and all other applicable statutes, so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than twenty (20) years.

*Unanimous Vote*

**Article 30.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$4,000.00 to extend and make passable Murphy Road, Linden Street and Fairview Road from the Veterans' Housing project to existing Town ways; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds or by borrowing, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$4,000.00 be raised and appropriated from the current tax levy to extend and make passable Murphy Road, Linden Street and Fairview Road from the Veterans' Housing project to existing Town ways.

**Article 31.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$5,000.00 for alterations on the following Town ways to provide for sidewalks therein:

Rosemary Street and May Street;

determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds or by borrowing, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

The following *Substitute Motion* by the Public Works Department carried and it was

*Voted:* That the sum of \$2,500.00 be raised and appropriated from the current tax levy for alterations on the following Town ways to provide for sidewalks therein: May Street; and, to the extent that funds from this appropriation are available and will permit, Rosemary Street.

**Article 32.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$2,017.45 for the payment of sewer assessment charges against Town-owned land on the following streets:

Lot 7, Great Plain Avenue .....	\$1,096.08
Lots 19-30, Riverside Street .....	471.18
Lot 6A, Highland Avenue .....	450.19

determine how such sum shall be raised; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$2,017.45 be raised and appropriated from the current tax levy for the payment of sewer assessment charges against Town owned land as follows: Lot 7, Great Plain Avenue — \$1,096.08; Lots 19-30, Riverside Street — \$471.18; and Lot 6A, Highland Avenue — \$450.19.

**Article 33.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$2,000.00 for improving public parks in the Town; determine how such sum shall be raised, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$2,000.00 be raised and appropriated from the current tax levy for improving public parks in the Town, the same to be expended under the supervision of the Public Works Department.

**Article 34.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$500.00 for the use of the Town Forest Committee in the development and maintenance of the Town Forest; determine how such sum shall be raised and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$500.00 be raised and appropriated from the current tax levy for the use of the Town Forest Committee in the development and maintenance of the Town Forest.

**Article 35.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$1,000.00 for the protection of the Town's elm trees against Dutch elm disease, as provided for in General Laws, Chapter 132, Section 13, as most recently amended; determine how such sum shall be raised and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

The following *Substitute Motion* by the Public Works Department carried

and it was

*Voted:* That the sum of \$1,000.00 be raised and appropriated from the current tax levy for the protection of the Town's elm trees against Dutch elm disease, to be expended under the supervision of the Public Works Department.

**Article 36.** To see if the Town will authorize the installation of street lights in the following private ways as petitioned for by the abutters:

Upland Road, Plymouth Road, Brook Road, Needhamdale Road, Elmwood Road, Brookline Street and Parker Road;

raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$200.00 for the purpose; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the installation of street lights be authorized in the following private ways, as petitioned for by the abutters: Upland Road, Plymouth Road, Brook Road, Needhamdale Road, Elmwood Road, Brookline Street and Parker Road; and that the sum of \$200.00 be raised and appropriated from the current tax levy for such installation.

**Article 37.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$2,000.00 for street lighting improvements on public ways; determine how such sum shall be raised and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That this article be dismissed.

**Article 38.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$3,500.00 for the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Great Plain Avenue, Dedham Avenue and Highland Avenue; determine how such sum shall be raised and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

There was a discussion as to the wisdom of accepting this article if parking meters were installed and it was moved that this article be laid on the table until Article 70 had been acted upon.

A count of hands was taken, which showed

Yes 171 — No 42

**Article 39.** To see if the Town will vote to accept a portion of Brookline Street, from the end of the existing Town way to Falcon Street, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and according to a plan on file with the Town Clerk; raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$14,800.00 for the original construction thereof, including gravel sidewalks laid at the time of such construction, all under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds or by borrowing, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town accept that portion of Brookline Street from the end of the existing Town way to Falcon Street as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and according to a plan on file with the Town Clerk; and that the sum of \$14,800.00 be raised and appropriated from the current tax levy for the original construction thereof, including gravel sidewalks laid at the time of such construction, all under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments.



**Article 40.** To see if the Town will vote to accept Overlook Road, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and according to a plan on file with the Town Clerk; raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$3,300.00 for the original construction thereof, including gravel sidewalks laid at the time of such construction, all under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds or by borrowing, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That this article be dismissed.

**Article 41.** To see if the Town will vote to accept Stockdale Road, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and according to a plan on file with the Town Clerk; raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$9,000.00 for the original construction thereof, including gravel sidewalks laid at the time of such construction, all under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds or by borrowing, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town accept Stockdale Road as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and according to a plan on file with the Town Clerk; and that the sum of \$9,000.00 be raised and appropriated from the current tax levy for the original construction thereof, including gravel sidewalks laid at the time of such construction, all under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments.

**Article 42.** To see if the Town will vote to accept a portion of Beaufort Avenue, from the end of the existing Town way to Bond Street, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and according to a plan on file with the Town Clerk; raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$2,600.00 for the original construction thereof, including gravel sidewalks laid at the time of such construction, all under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds or by borrowing, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town accept that portion of Beaufort Avenue from the end of the existing Town way to Bond Street, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and according to a plan on file with the Town Clerk; and that the sum of \$2,600.00 be raised and appropriated from the current tax levy for the original construction thereof, including gravel sidewalks laid at the time of such construction, all under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments.

**Article 43.** To see if the Town will vote to acquire by purchase or eminent domain for the purposes of a municipal dumping area a certain parcel of land in Needham owned by Laura N. Chamberlain and bounded and described as follows:

Easterly by land now or formerly of Victoria Cranford about 650 feet;

Southerly by land now or formerly of Victoria Cranford about 650 feet;

Southeasterly by land now or formerly of Gennaro Pezzella 347.9 feet;

Northeasterly by land now or formerly of Frank Marsilli about 360 feet;

Northwesterly by land of Matheson Radio Co., Inc. 642 feet;

Northeasterly by land of said Matheson Radio Co., Inc. 380 feet;

Northwesterly by land of Matheson Radio Co., Inc. 1758 feet;

Southerly by land now or formerly of Walter L. and Doris L.

Read and land now or formerly of Louis and Adelheid Romaszkie-wicz about 227 feet, and

Southerly again by land now or formerly of Herbert B. and Wendell P. Mackintosh about 725 feet. Be all the measurements more or less.

Containing about 17 acres, more or less, together with a right of way to Central Avenue;

raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$3,000.00 for said purpose; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds or by borrowing, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

After a lengthy discussion regarding the problem of a Needham dump, the following *Substitute Motion* carried.

*Voted:* That the matter of the establishment and location of a new Town dump be referred to a committee of at least seven members, including one member from each of the present five voting districts, one member from the Department of Public Works and one member from the Planning Board, said committee to be appointed by the Moderator; that said committee be authorized and directed to study the problems involved in the location, use, equipment and regulation of a new Town dump, and to make a report and recommendations thereon at the next Town Meeting held subsequent to June 1, 1950.

**Article 44.** To see if the Town will vote to acquire by purchase or eminent domain an easement in a right of way over the land owned by Victoria Cranford on Central Avenue in Needham for the purpose of providing a means of public travel between Central Avenue and the Town's public dumping area, described in the preceding article of this Warrant said right of way being twenty (20) feet in width and extending ten (10) feet on either side of the center line of the existing way over said premises, said center line being located and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the Northerly side-line of Central Avenue as laid out by the Norfolk County Commissioners in 1922, said point being 84 feet Easterly along Central Avenue from the Southeast corner of the land owned by Victoria Cranford on Central Avenue; thence running Northwesterly 180 feet to a point 10 feet Northeasterly from the Southwest boundary line between land of said Victoria Cranford and land now or formerly of Herbert B. and Wendell P. Mackintosh; thence running Northwesterly again about 425 feet, more or less, by a line 10 feet Northeasterly of and parallel with said Southwest boundary line to land now or formerly of Laura M. Chamberlain;

raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$200.00 for the acquisition of said easement; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That this article be dismissed.

**Article 45.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$8,800.00 for the purchase of equipment for use in the Town's public dumping area and for the preparation of the area and the approaches thereto; determine how such sum shall be raised and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That this article be dismissed.

**Article 46.** To see if the Town to meet the appropriations made under any or all of the preceding articles providing for construction work, and particularly construction under the Betterment Act, will determine what amount shall be raised by taxation in the current year, what amount shall be transferred from available funds and what amount shall be raised by borrowing, in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Sections 7 and 19, or any other provisions of law; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That this article be dismissed.

At 10:40 o'clock, P.M., it was voted to adjourn to Wednesday, March 22, 1950.

MARIAN S. PETERSON,  
*Town Clerk.*

Attest:

## ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

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March 22, 1950

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Pursuant to adjournment of the Annual Town Meeting held March 20, 1950, the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham qualified to vote in Town affairs, met in the Town Hall on Wednesday, March 22, 1950, at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Check lists were used and 414 voters were checked on the lists as being present. There were 208 Town Meeting Members present.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Samuel H. Wragg, who then proceeded to the discussion of the remaining articles in the Warrant.

Mr. Hardy introduced the following motion, which carried.

*Voted:* That after the hour set for the opening of any session of a town meeting, and to the extent that there are seats available in that portion of the hall not reserved for town meeting members, any residents of the Town who are not registered voters shall be admitted to the hall for the purpose of attending the meeting, but they shall not be permitted to speak at the meeting.

The Selectmen then moved that Article 70 be brought forward for consideration prior to consideration of Article 47,

and it was so

*Voted:* That Article 70 be brought forward for consideration prior to consideration of Article 47.

**Article 70.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen in its discretion to enter into an agreement on behalf of the Town for the acquisition, installation and maintenance of parking meters in the Town, such agreement to provide that payments for said meters shall be made over a period not exceeding five years from fees received for the use of such parking meters, as authorized by General Laws, Chapter 40, Sections 22A and 22B; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish fees for the use of such parking meters, as provided in said Act; or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. Crabtree announced that he was speaking as an individual Town Meeting Member, not as a member of the Planning Board when he asked that Article 70 be dismissed. When put to a vote, the motion for dismissal did not carry. The original motion was then introduced

and it was

*Voted:* That the Board of Selectmen be and it is hereby authorized in its discretion to enter into an agreement on behalf of the Town for the acquisition, installation and maintenance of parking meters in the Town, such agreement to provide that payments for said meters shall be made over a period not exceeding five (5) years from fees received for the use of such parking meters; and that the Board of Selectmen be and it is hereby authorized to establish fees for the use of such parking meters and, subject to the approval of the Commonwealth, determine the locations for such meters.

A count of hands was taken which showed 114 votes in the affirmative and 85 in the negative.



Article 38 was considered at this time, it having been postponed until after Article 70 was acted upon.

**Article 38.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$3,500.00 for the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Great Plain Avenue, Dedham Avenue and Highland Avenue; determine how such sum shall be raised and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

The following *Substitute Motion* by the Public Works Department did not carry.

*Moved:* That the sum of \$3,500.00 be raised and appropriated from the current tax levy for the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Great Plain Avenue, Dedham Avenue and Highland Avenue, said sum to be expended under the supervision of the Public Works Department

and it was

*Voted:* That this article be dismissed.

**Article 47.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into an agreement on behalf of the Town with New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad for the leasing or purchase by the Town for municipal off-street parking purposes of the land lying between the Railroad's Needham station and the rear of the buildings on the westerly side of Chapel Street; authorize the said leasing for a term of years or the said purchase; raise and appropriate a sum of money for said purposes; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds or by borrowing, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Board of Selectmen be and it is hereby authorized in the name and on behalf of the Town to lease for a period of not exceeding five years from the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad for municipal off-street parking purposes the land lying between the Railroad's right of way at the Needham station and the rear of the buildings on the westerly side of Chapel Street, at an annual rental of not exceeding \$400.00; that the sum of \$2,000.00 be raised and appropriated for said purpose from the Excess and Deficiency Account; and that by way of reimbursement the Town Accountant be instructed to make a transfer to the Excess and Deficiency Account at the end of each calendar year, until an amount equal to the total for which the Town shall have become obligated under said lease has been so transferred, of so much of the money then in the parking meter receipt fund as is in excess of the total of the following amounts: the amount then due and payable by the Town out of said fund for the purchase and installation costs of parking meters; the amount it has cost the Town in that year, not exceeding \$5,000.00, to maintain and operate said meters; and any amount the Town Accountant is bound to transfer from said fund by way of reimbursement by reason of an earlier vote of this Meeting.

**Article 48.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement for municipal off-street parking purposes of the land described in the preceding article of this Warrant; determine how such sum shall be raised and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$7,500.00 be raised and appropriated from the Excess and Deficiency Account for the improvement for municipal off-street parking purposes of the land described in Article 47 of this Warrant, said sum to be expended under the supervision of the Public Works Department; and that by way of reimbursement the Town Accountant be

instructed to make a transfer to the Excess and Deficiency Account at the end of each calendar year, until an amount equal to the total expended under this article has been so transferred, of so much of the money then in the parking meter receipt fund as is in excess of the total of the following amounts: the amount then due and payable by the Town out of said fund for the purchase and installation costs of parking meters; the amount it has cost the Town in that year, not exceeding \$5,000.00, to maintain and operate said meters; and any amount the Town Accountant is bound to transfer from said fund by way of reimbursement by reason of an earlier vote of this meeting.

Upon motion duly made it was voted that Articles 68 and 69 be now considered.

**Article 68.** To see if the Town will vote to acquire by purchase or eminent domain for municipal off-street parking purposes a certain parcel of land in Needham owned by Jerome F. Ryan and bounded and described as follows:

Westerly by Chestnut Street 100 feet;  
 Northerly by land now or formerly of Jacobs and of Bowmar  
 269.69 feet;  
 Easterly by land now or formerly of Rooney and of Walker 100.42  
 feet; and  
 Southerly by land now or formerly of Separini 256.28 feet;  
 Containing 26,220 square feet more or less;

raise and appropriate a sum of money for said purposes; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds or by borrowing, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

and it was

*Voted:* That the Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized and empowered in the name and on behalf of the Town to acquire by purchase or by eminent domain for municipal off-street parking purposes the fee in a certain parcel of land in Needham, including the trees and structures thereon, said parcel being now or formerly owned by Jerome F. Ryan and being bounded and described as follows:

Westerly by Chestnut Street 100 feet;  
 Northerly by land now or formerly of Jacobs and of Bowmar  
 269.69 feet;  
 Easterly by land now or formerly of Rooney and of Walker  
 100.42 feet; and  
 Southerly by land now or formerly of Separini 256.28 feet;

Containing 26,220 square feet more or less; that the sum of \$30,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of said acquisition, said sum being raised by a transfer of \$30,000.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Account; and that by way of reimbursement the Town Accountant be instructed to make a transfer to the Excess and Deficiency Account at the end of each calendar year, until an amount equal to the total expended under this article has been so transferred, of so much of the money then in the parking meter receipt fund as is in excess of the total of the following amounts: the amount then due and payable by the Town out of said fund for the purchase and installation costs of parking meters; the amount it has cost the Town in that year, not exceeding \$5,000.00, to maintain and operate said meters; and any amount the Town Accountant is bound to transfer from said fund by way of reimbursement by reason of an earlier vote of this meeting.

**Article 69.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement for municipal off-street parking purposes of the parcel of land described in the preceding article of this Warrant; determine how such sum shall be raised, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$7,500.00 be raised and appropriated from the Excess and Deficiency Account for the improvement for municipal off-street parking purposes of the land described in Article 68 of this Warrant, said sum to be expended under the supervision of the Public Works Department; and that by way of reimbursement the Town Accountant be instructed to make a transfer to the Excess and Deficiency Account at the end of each calendar year, until an amount equal to the total expended under this article has been so transferred, of so much of the money then in the parking meter receipt fund as is in excess of the total of the following amounts: the amount then due and payable by the Town out of said fund for the purchase and installation costs of parking meters; the amount it has cost the Town in that year, not exceeding \$5,000.00, to maintain and operate said meters; and any amount the Town Accountant is bound to transfer from said fund by way of reimbursement by reason of an earlier vote of this meeting.

**Article 49.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$300.00 for the providing of Christmas lights and decorations on Town land and ways; or take any other action relative thereto.

The following *Substitute Motion* by the Board of Trade did not carry

*Moved:* That the sum of \$300.00 be raised and appropriated from the current tax levy for the providing of Christmas lights and decorations on Town land and ways, the same to be expended under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen.

and it was

*Voted:* That this Article be dismissed.

**Article 50.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$332.84 for the payment of the balance of the 1949 real estate tax of \$6.97, the sewer betterment for 1949 of \$31.36, the interest added to the 1949 tax of \$12.45 and the 1950 balance of the sewer betterment of \$282.06, all charged to the land on Brookline Street purchased by the Town in 1949 from Stanley Development Company; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$332.84 be raised and appropriated from the current tax levy for the payment of the following charges against the land on Brookline Street purchased by the Town in 1949 from Stanley Development Company:

Balance of 1949 real estate tax .....	\$6.97
Sewer betterment assessment for 1949 .....	31.36
Interest added to 1949 tax .....	12.45
1950 Balance of sewer betterment assessment ....	282.06

**Article 51.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$55.42 for the payment of the balance of the 1949 real estate tax of \$1.90, the sewer betterment for 1949 of \$5.08 the interest added to the 1949 tax of \$3.17 and the 1950 balance of the sewer betterment of \$45.27, all charged to the land conveyed by Anna G. Chaffin as a gift to the Town in 1949; or take any other action relative thereto.



*Voted:* That the sum of \$55.42 be raised and appropriated from the current tax levy for the payment of the following Town charges against the land conveyed by Anna G. Chaffin as a gift to the Town in 1949:

Balance of 1949 real estate tax .....	\$1.90
Sewer betterment assessment for 1949 .....	5.08
Interest added to 1949 tax .....	3.17
1950 balance of sewer betterment assessment .....	45.27

**Article 52.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$221.40 for the payment of the 1950 balance of sewer betterment assessment on the land on Brookline Street formerly owned by Arnold J. Baker and taken by the Town by eminent domain for school purposes in 1949; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$221.40 be raised and appropriated from the current tax levy for the payment of the 1950 balance of sewer betterment assessment on the land on Brookline Street formerly owned by Arnold J. Baker and taken by the Town by eminent domain for school purposes in 1949.

**Article 53.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the offer of a gift to the Town by Dr. J. Walter Schirmer of approximately thirty-four acres of land off Central Avenue and abutting Frances Street, the same to be used permanently as a part of the Town Forest and as a bird and wildlife sanctuary, with a provision in the deed conveying title to the Town that if said land shall at any time in the future cease to be so used, title to same shall revert to the grantor; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town accept the offer of a gift to the Town by Dr. J. Walter Schirmer of approximately thirty-four acres of land off Central Avenue and abutting Frances Street, the same to be used permanently as a part of the Town Forest and as a bird and wild-life sanctuary, with a provision in the deed conveying title to the Town that if said land shall at any time in the future cease to be so used, title to same shall revert to the grantor.

Under Article 53, the Town Meeting Members unanimously passed the following resolution.

*Resolved:* That it is the sense of this meeting that Dr. J. Walter Schirmer be thanked for his generous gift of land to the Town of Needham as accepted by the vote under this article.

**Article 54.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$4,500.00 for purchasing and installing de-humidifying equipment for the offices in the basement of the Town Hall; determine how such sum shall be raised and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. Mann for the Board of Public Welfare, offered the following *Substitute Motion*.

*Moved:* That the sum of \$4,500.00 be raised and appropriated from the current tax levy for the purchase and installation of de-humidifying equipment for the offices in the basement of the Town Hall, the said purchase and installation to be under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen.

A second *Substitute Motion* was then offered by the Selectmen. The Selectmen's *Substitute Motion* carried and it was

*Voted:* That a committee of five be established, to consist of one member appointed by the Selectmen, one member appointed by the Finance Committee, one member appointed by the Needham Taxpayers' Association and two members appointed by the Moderator; that said Com-



mittee be authorized and instructed to make a study of the accommodations available for Town officers and departments in the present Town Hall building and of the need for additional office space and facilities; that said Committee be instructed to make a report of its findings and recommendations to the Selectmen not later than June 1, 1950; and that the Selectmen be instructed to incorporate the Committee's recommendations in articles for the Warrant of a Town Meeting not later than the Annual Town Meeting of 1951.

**Article 55.** To see if the Town will vote to accept as gifts to the Town from William H. Carter, Philip H. and Lorraine A. Claxton, and S. Harris and Helen P. Sutherland, easements for travel in Tower Avenue Extension in connection with the use of the William Mitchell School land; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town accept as gifts to the Town from William H. Carter, Philip H. Claxton and Lorraine A. Claxton, and S. Harris Sutherland and Helen P. Sutherland, easements for travel in Tower Avenue Extension, so-called, in connection with the use of the William Mitchell School land.

*Resolved:* That it is the sense of this meeting that William H. Carter, Philip H. Claxton and Lorraine A. Claxton, and S. Harris Sutherland and Helen P. Sutherland be thanked for their generosity in giving to the Town easements for travel in Tower Avenue Extension as accepted by the vote under this article.

*Unanimous Vote*

**Article 56.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$750.00 for improving Tower Avenue Extension for purposes of travel between Lindbergh Avenue and the William Mitchell School land; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$750.00 be raised and appropriated from the current tax levy for improving Tower Avenue Extension, so-called, for the purposes of travel between Lindbergh Avenue and the William Mitchell School land, said sum to be expended under the supervision of the Public Works Department.

**Article 57.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the construction of an addition to the existing Dwight School Building and the purchase of original equipment and furnishings for said addition in accordance with the recommendations of the Committee established under Article 51 of the 1949 Annual Town Meeting; raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$104,000.00 for said purposes; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds or by borrowing, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. William P. Bailey, Chairman of the Committee to study future school needs asked to speak, not only on this Article, but through Article 62, and there being no objection, he was granted the opportunity.

*Voted:* That the Town authorize the construction of an addition to the existing Dwight School building and the purchase of original equipment and furnishings for said addition, in accordance with the recommendations of the Committee established under Article 51 of the 1949 Annual Town Meeting; that the sum of \$104,000.00 be raised and appropriated for said construction, including necessary plans, specifications, working drawings and architects' fees, and for said original equipment and furnishings; that said sum be raised as follows: from the current tax levy the sum of \$14,000.00, and the Treasurer, with the approval of the

Board of Selectmen, be and he is hereby authorized in the name and on behalf of the Town to borrow the balance of \$90,000.00 and to issue the notes or bonds of the Town therefor, payable in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, as amended, and any other applicable provisions of the General Laws, so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than twenty (20) years, or at such earlier date as the Board of Selectmen and the Treasurer shall determine.

*Unanimous Vote*

**Article 58.** To see if the Town will authorize the appointment of a committee to supervise the construction and original equipping and furnishing of an addition to the existing Dwight School building; authorize said committee to contract for and in the name of the Town and to do all other acts and things necessary for the accomplishment of the above purposes, in accordance with the vote under the preceding article of this warrant; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That a committee of five be established and constituted a school building committee, said committee to be appointed by the Moderator and to include one member who shall be an experienced builder; that said committee be and it is hereby authorized and directed to supervise the construction and the original equipping and furnishing of the addition to the existing Dwight School building referred to in the vote under Article 57 of this Warrant; that said committee be and it is hereby authorized to contract for and in the name of the Town and to do all other acts and things necessary for the accomplishment of the above purposes; and that said committee be and it is hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary to obtain for the Town partial reimbursement from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the cost of constructing and originally equipping and furnishing said addition under the provisions of Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as amended by Chapter 637 of the Acts of 1949, and any other applicable statutes.

**Article 59.** To see if the Town will vote to acquire by purchase or eminent domain for school purposes a certain parcel of land in Needham owned by David W. Pinkham and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point at the Northwest corner of the premises and thence running Easterly by land now or formerly of Ernest E. Riley by two bounds 163.92 feet and 174.58 feet; thence turning and running Southeasterly by land of Town of Needham by four bounds, 851.5 feet, 27.73 feet, 27.73 feet and 292.32 feet; thence turning and running Southwesterly by land now or formerly of William J. and Helen M. Gilfoil 199 feet; thence turning and running in a general Westerly direction by land now or formerly of American Builders, Inc. by four bounds, 143.21 feet, 151.79 feet, 48.13 feet and 236.08 feet; thence turning and running Northerly 177.77 feet by Lot 54 on the plan referred to hereinafter and across Sylvan Road as shown on said plan; thence turning and running westerly 50 feet by the Northerly side-line of Sylvan Road as shown on said plan; thence turning and running Northerly by Lot 46 as shown on said plan 125 feet; thence turning and running Westerly by Lots 46, 45 and 44 as shown on said plan 182.72 feet; thence turning and running Northwesterly by Lots 44, 43 and 42 as shown on said plan 226.72 feet; thence turning and running Southerly by said Lot 42 a distance of 125 feet; thence turning and running Northwesterly by the Northerly side-line of Sylvan Road as shown on said plan 40 feet; thence turning and running Northerly by Lot 41 as shown on said plan 125 feet; thence turning and running Westerly by said Lot 41 a distance of 121.74 feet; thence turning and running Northerly by land now or

formerly of Anna G. Chaffin 85.49 feet; thence turning and running Easterly by land now or formerly of Carl R. Nielson 131.77 feet; and thence turning and running Northerly by said Nielson land 148 feet to the point of beginning. Be all the measurements more or less. Containing eight (8) acres and 33,000 square feet of land more or less. Being the same premises shown on "Plan of Subdivision of Land in Needham, Mass. Owned by David W. Pinkham. Scale 1 inch = 40 feet. May 6, 1947. H. L. Dodge, C. E." less Lots 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 50, 51, 52, 53 and 54, and that part of Sylvan Road as shown on said plan which is Westerly of an extension northerly of the Easterly side-line of Lot 54;

raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$8,700.00 for such purpose; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds or by borrowing, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized and empowered in the name and on behalf of the Town to acquire by purchase or by eminent domain for school purposes the fee in a certain parcel of land in Needham, including the trees and structures thereon, said parcel being now or formerly owned by David W. Pinkham and Joan L. Pinkham and being bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point at the Northwest corner of the premises and thence running Easterly by land now or formerly of Ernest E. Riley by two bounds 163.92 feet and 174.58 feet; thence turning and running Southeasterly by land of Town of Needham by four bounds, 851.5 feet, 27.73 feet and 292.32 feet; thence turning and running Southwesterly by land now or formerly of William J. and Helen M. Gilfoil 199 feet; thence turning and running in a general Westerly direction by land now or formerly of American Builders, Inc. by four bounds, 143.21 feet, 151.79 feet, 48.13 feet and 236.08 feet; thence turning and running Northerly 177.77 feet by Lot 54 on the plan referred to hereinafter and across Sylvan Road as shown on said plan; thence turning and running westerly 50 feet by the Northerly side-line of Sylvan Road as shown on said plan; thence turning and running Northerly by Lot 46 as shown on said plan 125 feet; thence turning and running Westerly by Lots 46, 45 and 44 as shown on said plan 182.72 feet; thence turning and running Northwesterly by Lots 44, 43 and 42 as shown on said plan 226.72 feet; thence turning and running Southerly by said Lot 42 a distance of 125 feet; thence turning and running Northwesterly by the Northerly side-line of Sylvan Road as shown on said plan 40 feet; thence turning and running Northerly by Lot 41 as shown on said plan 125 feet; thence turning and running Westerly by said Lot 41 a distance of 121.74 feet; thence turning and running Northerly by land now or formerly of Anna G. Chaffin 85.49 feet; thence turning and running Easterly by land now or formerly of Carl R. Nielson 131.77 feet; and thence turning and running Northerly by said Nielson land 148 feet to the point of beginning. Be all the measurements more or less. Containing eight (8) acres and 33,000 square feet of land more or less. Being the same premises shown on "Plan of Subdivision of Land in Needham, Mass. Owned by David W. Pinkham. Scale 1 inch = 40 feet. May 6, 1947. H. L. Dodge, C. E." less Lots 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 50, 51, 52, 53 and 54, and that part of Sylvan Road as shown on said plan which is Westerly of an extension northerly of the Easterly side-line of Lot 54;

and that the sum of \$8,700.00 be raised and appropriated from the current tax levy for the purpose of said acquisition.

*Unanimous Vote*



**Article 60.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the appointment of a committee to obtain plans, specifications, working drawings and advice relative to the construction of a new elementary school building on the land described in the preceding article of this warrant; raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$3,500.00 for said purposes; determine how such sum shall be raised and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That a committee of nine be appointed to obtain plans, specifications, working drawings and advice relative to the construction of a new elementary school building on the land described in Article 59 of this Warrant, said committee to consist of one member appointed by the Selectmen, one member appointed by the School Committee, one member appointed by the Planning Board, one member appointed by the Finance Committee, one member appointed by the Needham Taxpayers' Association, one member appointed by the Public School Association, and three members, one of whom shall be an experienced builder, appointed by the Moderator; that said Committee be instructed to make a report to the Town, with its recommendations, not later than the Annual Town Meeting in 1951; and that the sum of \$3,500.00 be raised and appropriated from the current tax levy for the use of said Committee.

**Article 61.** To see if the Town will vote to acquire by purchase or eminent domain for school purposes a certain parcel of land in Needham owned by Joseph D. DeFrancesco and bounded and described as follows:

Starting at a point on the Southeasterly side of Broadmeadow Road at the Westerly corner of land now or formerly of Louis W. Hasenfus; thence running Southwesterly and Southerly by Broadmeadow Road to the Northwesterly corner of land now or formerly of Thomas Sutcliffe; thence running Southeasterly eighty (80) feet and Southerly one hundred three and 12/100 (103.12) feet by said land of Sutcliffe; thence Southeasterly by land now or formerly of Ruth S. Lawlor; thence Southerly by said Lawlor land ninety (90) feet; thence Easterly by land now or formerly of Smith, Blackman and others seven hundred seventy-four (774) feet more or less; thence Northwesterly by land now or formerly of Hauck and others eight hundred fifty-two (852) feet more or less to the Easterly corner of land now or formerly of George H. Hasenfus; thence Southwesterly by said Hasenfus land fifty (50) feet more or less; thence Northwesterly by said George H. Hasenfus land; thence Southwesterly by land now or formerly of Louis W. Hasenfus ninety (90) feet; thence Northwesterly by land of said Louis W. Hasenfus one hundred fifty (150) feet more or less to the point of beginning; containing nine and three-tenths ( $9 \frac{3}{10}$ ) acres more or less;

raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$25,000.00 for said purpose; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds or by borrowing, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized and empowered in the name and on behalf of the Town to acquire by purchase or by eminent domain for school purposes the fee in a certain parcel of land in Needham, including the trees thereon, said parcel being now or formerly owned by Joseph D. DeFrancesco and being bounded and described as follows:

Starting at a point on the Southeasterly side of Broadmeadow Road at the Westerly corner of land now or formerly of Louis W. Hasenfus; thence running Southwesterly and Southerly by Broadmeadow Road to the Northwesterly corner of land now or formerly of Thomas Sutcliffe; thence running Southeasterly eighty (80) feet



and Southerly one hundred three and 12/100 (103.12) feet by said land of Sutcliffe; thence Southeasterly by land now or formerly of Ruth S. Lawlor; thence Southerly by said Lawlor land ninety (90) feet; thence Easterly by land now or formerly of Smith, Blackman and others seven hundred seventy-four (774) feet more or less; thence Northwesterly by land now or formerly of Hauck and others eight hundred fifty-two (852) feet more or less to the Easterly corner of land now or formerly of George H. Hasenfus; thence Southwesterly by said Hasenfus land fifty (50) feet more or less; thence Northwest-erly by said George H. Hasenfus land; thence Southwesterly by land now or formerly of Louis W. Hasenfus ninety (90) feet; thence Northwesterly by land of said Louis W. Hasenfus one hundred fifty (150) feet more or less to the point of beginning; containing nine and three-tenths (9 3/10) acres more or less;

that the owner of said parcel of land be allowed until March 31, 1951, to remove from said land all buildings and the present existing stockpile of loam, and to be allowed an additional three months for said purposes if the land is not then required by the Town for building purposes; and that the sum of \$25,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of said acquisition, said sum being raised as follows: from the current tax levy \$15,000.00, and by transfer from the Excess and Deficiency Account \$10,000.00.

*Unanimous Vote*

**Article 62.** To see if the Town will authorize the continuation of the Committee established under Article 51 of the 1949 Annual Town Meeting, instruct said Committee to make a further study of the need for school buildings and other school facilities in the Town and to report with its recommendations to a Town Meeting not later than the Annual Town Meeting of 1951; authorize said Committee to take options on desirable sites for additional school buildings; raise and appropriate a sum of money for the use of said Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That a Committee of nine members be established, to consist of one member selected by the Board of Selectmen, one member selected by the Finance Committee, one member selected by the School Committee, one member selected by the Planning Board, one member selected by the Taxpayers' Association, one member selected by the Public School Association and three members selected by the Moderator; that the personnel of this committee may consist in whole or in part of the members of the committee established under Article 51 of the 1949 Annual Town Meeting; that the committee be and it is hereby authorized and directed to make a study of the needs for additional school buildings and school facilities, to obtain options in the name of the Town on desirable sites for school building purposes, as the committee shall deem necessary; that said committee be authorized and instructed to make full use of the studies, reports and recommendations of the Special Committees established under Article 8 of the Special Town Meeting of November 8, 1948, and under Article 51 of the 1949 Annual Town Meeting, and to make a full report with its recommendations to a town meeting not later than the 1951 Annual Town Meeting; and that the unexpended balances of the appropriations made for said two prior committees, amounting to \$518.86, be transferred for the use of the committee established hereby.

**Article 63.** To see if the Town will vote to acquire by purchase or eminent domain for municipal hospital purposes a parcel of land in Needham consisting of 21,500 square feet of land more or less with the build-

ings thereon, owned by the Estate of Lizzie M. Chapman and bounded and described as follows:

Westerly by the Easterly side line of Chestnut Street 110 feet;  
 Northerly by land of Town of Needham 194.80 feet;  
 Easterly by land now or formerly of Cooper, of Stanton and of Smith 110.55 feet; and  
 Southerly by land now or formerly of Holt 190 feet.  
 Be all the measurements more or less;

raise and appropriate a sum of money for said purposes; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by a transfer from available funds, including a transfer of not to exceed \$3,000.00 from the John B. Walker Fund, or by borrowing, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized and empowered in the name and on behalf of the Town to acquire by purchase or by eminent domain for municipal hospital purposes the fee in a certain parcel of land in Needham, with the trees and buildings thereon, said parcel being now or formerly owned by Estate of Lizzie M. Chapman and being bounded and described as follows:

Westerly by the Easterly side-line of Chestnut Street 110 feet;  
 Northerly by land of Town of Needham 194.80 feet;  
 Easterly by land now or formerly of Cooper, of Stanton and of Smith 110.55 feet; and  
 Southerly by land now or formerly of Holt 190 feet.  
 Be all the measurements more or less. Containing 21,000 square feet more or less.

and that the sum of \$15,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of said acquisition, said amount to be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account for said purpose.

*Unanimous Vote*

**Article 64.** To see if the Town will vote to acquire by purchase or eminent domain for park purposes a parcel of land in Needham owned by John W. Stewart and bounded and described as follows:

Northeasterly by land now or formerly of Morgan, Kingsbury and Ferrara 797 feet more or less and by other land now or formerly of John W. Stewart 310 feet more or less;  
 Southeasterly by land now or formerly of Miller Rose Company and Chamberlain; and  
 Generally Westerly by a brook;  
 Containing eighteen (18) acres more or less and being those parts of the premises now or formerly owned by John W. Stewart marked "Meadow" and "Pasture" on Town of Needham Assessor's Plans 129, 130 and 136;

raise and appropriate a sum of money for said purpose; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds or by borrowing, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That this article be dismissed.

**Article 65.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$7,000.00 for extending the finished portion of the basement of the Stephen Palmer School Building to provide additional space for the school cafeteria, and for the installation of utilities therein and the original equipping and furnishing of the same; determine

how such sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds or by borrowing, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

The following *Substitute Motion* by the School Committee did not carry.

*Moved:* That the sum of \$7,000.00 be raised and appropriated from the current tax levy for extending the finished portion of the basement of the Stephen Palmer School building to provide additional space for the school cafeteria, and for installing utilities therein and originally equipping and furnishing the same, the carrying out of the above purposes to be under the supervision of the School Committee.

and it was

*Voted:* That this article be dismissed.

**Article 66.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$2,000.00 for the grading and improvement of playgrounds at the Avery, Carter, Eliot, Harris and Stephen Palmer Schools; determine how such sum shall be raised and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

The following *Substitute Motion* by the School Committee did not carry.

*Moved:* That the sum of \$2,000.00 be raised and appropriated from the current tax levy for the grading and improvement of playgrounds at the Avery, Carter, Eliot, Harris and Stephen Palmer Schools, said sum to be expended under the supervision of the School Committee.

and it was

*Voted:* That this article be dismissed.

**Article 67.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$500.00 to pay the cost of taking and showing motion pictures of school football games and practice as an aid to athletic instruction and football coaching in the schools; determine how such sums shall be raised, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

The following *Substitute Motion* by the Booster's Association did not carry.

*Moved:* That the sum of \$500.00 be raised and appropriated from the current tax levy to pay the cost of taking and showing motion pictures of school football games and practice as an aid to athletic instruction and football coaching in the schools, said sum to be expended under the supervision of the School Committee.

and it was

*Voted:* That this article be dismissed.

Articles 68, 69 and 70 having been previously considered, article 71 was presented at this time.

**Article 71.** To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Map by establishing a minimum building-line set-back of fifty feet from the nearer street line on both sides of the Circumferential Highway from the Dedham line to the Wellesley line where such a minimum set-back does not now exist, provided, however, that the establishment of said fifty foot set-back shall not be construed to decrease a greater set-back already established and presently in force along any part of said Circumferential Highway; or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. Crabtree explained that although this article was initiated by the Planning Board, the result of the Public hearing held caused the Planning Board to now recommend dismissal of the article

and it was

*Voted:* That this article be dismissed.

**Article 72.** To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Map by establishing a minimum building-line set-back of ten feet on both sides of Highland Avenue from Great Plain Avenue to May Street, provided, however, that such set-back restriction shall not apply to Town-owned land; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town's Zoning Map be amended by the establishment of a minimum building-line setback of ten feet on both sides of Highland Avenue from Great Plain Avenue to May Street.

Yes 183 — No 2

**Article 73.** To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning By-Law by striking out from Section 5 thereof the word "Selectmen" and by inserting in place thereof the words "Board of Appeals," so that said section shall read as follows:

*Section 5. Institutional Districts.* All buildings and uses permitted under Section 3 and the following:

Dormitories in which there is no provision for private housekeeping; cafes; lecture rooms; research laboratories; statistical offices; printing, binding and electrotyping as accessory to statistical and research work but not as a separate and independent business; and such uses as the Board of Appeals may deem to be properly accessory to the above mentioned uses.

In an institutional district no building may contain more than two and one-half stories above the basement.

or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town's Zoning By-Law be amended by striking out from Section 5 thereof the word "Selectmen" and by inserting in place thereof the words "Board of Appeals" so that said section shall read as follows:

*Section 5. Institutional Districts.* All buildings and uses permitted under Section 3 and the following:

Dormitories in which there is no provision for private housekeeping; cafes; lecture rooms; research laboratories; statistical offices; printing, binding and electrotyping as accessory to statistical and research work but not as a separate and independent business; and such uses as the Board of Appeals may deem to be properly accessory to the above mentioned uses.

In an institutional district no building may contain more than two and one-half stories above the basement.

*Unanimous Vote*

**Article 74.** To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning By-Law by striking out the first paragraph of Section 23 thereof and by inserting in place thereof the following:

*Section 23. Removal of Sod, Loam, Sand and Gravel.*

The removal for sale of sod, loam, sand, gravel or stone from single or general residence districts shall be permitted only under special permit issued by the Building Inspector after written ap-



proval by the Board of Appeals as provided in Section 28. Prior to approving the issuance of such a special permit, the Board of Appeals may require the Inspector of Sand and Gravel to make an investigation and recommendations. Subsequent to the issuance of such a special permit, the Inspector of Sand and Gravel shall make periodic inspections of the premises to which such special permit relates and report any violations of the conditions of the said permit to the Building Inspector for appropriate action.

or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town's Zoning By-Law be amended by striking out the first paragraph of Section 23 thereof and by inserting in place thereof the following:

*Section 23. Removal of Sod, Loam, Sand and Gravel.*

The removal for sale of sod, loam, sand, gravel or stone from single or general residence districts shall be permitted only under special permit issued by the Building Inspector after written approval by the Board of Appeals as provided in Section 28. Prior to approving the issuance of such a special permit, the Board of Appeals may require the Inspector of Sand and Gravel to make an investigation and recommendations. Subsequent to the issuance of such a special permit, the Inspector of Sand and Gravel shall make periodic inspections of the premises to which such special permit relates and report any violations of the conditions of the said permit to the Building Inspector for appropriate action.

*Unanimous Vote*

**Article 75.** To see if the Town will vote to amend its Building By-Laws by striking out from Section 18 of Article IX thereof the words "Board of Selectmen" and by inserting in place thereof the words "Board of Appeals" so that said Section 18 will read as follows:

*Section 18. Exceptions.* The Building Inspector, on written approval of the Board of Appeals, may issue a permit for the erection of a church, steeple, belfry, dome, cupola, or for a grain elevator, coal pocket, or gas holder exceeding the limits specified above. or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town's Building By-Laws be amended by striking out from Section 18 of Article IX thereof the words "Board of Selectmen" and by inserting in place thereof the words "Board of Appeals" so that said section shall read as follows:

*Section 18. Exceptions.* The Building Inspector, on written approval of the Board of Appeals, may issue a permit for the erection of a church, steeple, belfry, dome, cupola, or for a grain elevator, coal pocket, or gas holder exceeding the limits specified above.

**Article 76.** To see if the Town will vote to amend its Building By-Laws by striking out from Section 1 of Article XVI thereof the words "Board of Selectmen" and by inserting in place thereof the words "Board of Appeals" so that said section will read as follows:

*Section 1.* No building shall be erected or converted to be used as a public or commercial garage unless it be of first or second class construction throughout and such use shall have been previously authorized by the Board of Appeals.

or take any other action relative thereto.

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*Voted:* That the Town's Building ByLaws be amended by striking out from Section 1 of Article XVI thereof the words "Board of Selectmen" and by inserting in place thereof the words "Board of Appeals" so that said section shall read as follows:

*Section 1.* No building shall be erected or converted to be used as a public or commercial garage unless it be of first or second class construction throughout and such use shall have been previously authorized by the Board of Appeals.

**Article 77.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's Zoning By-Law by striking from the first sentence of Section 10A thereof the words "and the number of building lots therein decreased" so that said section shall read as follows:

*Section 10A.* Where the plat of a subdivision has been approved by the Planning Board or by a Board of Survey, or where a plan of the subdivision of land has been recorded in the Registry of Deeds by a former owner of said land prior to March 26, 1925, and where either a minimum area for building lots has since been established for the district in which said land lies or the minimum area for building lots applicable to said district has since been increased, the Planning Board may upon the application of the present owner of said land approve a change in said subdivision plat or plan, whereby the area of the building lots shown thereon may be increased although the area of said building lots as changed shall not then be as large as the required minimum area for building lots currently applicable to the zoning district in which said land lies. The approval of such change shall not, however, affect the location or grade of streets as shown on said plat or plan; nor shall it impose additional obligations upon the owner of said land with respect to the development thereof. or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town's Zoning By-Law be amended by striking from the first sentence of Section 10A thereof the words "and the number of building lots therein decreased" so that said section shall read as follows:

*Section 10A.* Where the plat of a subdivision has been approved by the Planning Board or by a Board of Survey, or where a plan of the subdivision of land has been recorded in the Registry of Deeds by a former owner of said land prior to March 26, 1925, and where either a minimum area for building lots has since been established for the district in which said land lies or the minimum area for building lots applicable to said district has since been increased, the Planning Board may upon the application of the present owner of said land approve a change in said subdivision plat or plan, whereby the area of the building lots shown thereon may be increased although the area of said building lots as changed shall not then be as large as the required minimum area for building lots currently applicable to the zoning district in which said land lies. The approval of such change shall not, however, affect the location or grade of streets as shown on said plat or plan; nor shall it impose additional obligations upon the owner of said land with respect to the development thereof.

*Unanimous Vote*

**Article 78.** To see if the Town will vote to amend its Building By-Laws by striking out Section 1 of Article XVIII thereof under the caption "Plumbing," and by inserting in place thereof the following:

*Section 1.* The Plumbing Inspector and such assistants as may be necessary shall be appointed by the Building Inspector from the classified civil service list. The Plumbing Inspector and his assist-

ants shall have the qualifications, powers, and duties fixed by Chapter 142 of the General Laws, with such further powers and duties as may be provided in this article.

or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town's Building By-Laws be amended by striking out Section 1 of Article XVIII thereof under the caption "Plumbing," and by inserting in place thereof the following:

*Section 1.* The Plumbing Inspector and such assistants as may be necessary shall be appointed by the Building Inspector from the classified civil service list. The Plumbing Inspector and his assistants shall have the qualifications, powers and duties fixed by Chapter 142 of the General Laws, with such further powers and duties as may be provided in this article.

**Article 79.** To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Map by changing from a single residence district to a business district the land bounded and described as follows:

Northeasterly by land of John Muzi;  
Southerly and easterly by land of Coppinger;  
Southeasterly by land of Charlantini and land of Pezzolesi;  
Southwesterly by Cross Street;  
Northwesterly by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad;

or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That this article be dismissed.

**Article 80.** To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Map by changing from a single residence district to a business district the land bounded and described as follows:

Northeasterly by the present manufacturing and business districts;  
Southerly by land of Goven;  
Westerly by land of Morse;  
Southwesterly by the Charles River Sand & Gravel Company, Inc.;  
Northwesterly by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad.

or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town's Zoning Map be amended by changing from a single residence district to a business district the land bounded and described as follows:

Northeasterly by the present manufacturing and business districts;  
Southerly by land of Goven;  
Westerly by land of Morse;  
Southwesterly by the Charles River Sand & Gravel Company, Inc.;  
Northwesterly by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad.

*Unanimous Vote*

**Article 81.** To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Map by changing from a single residence district to a business district the land bounded and described as follows:

Westerly by Reservoir Street;  
 Northerly by the Sudbury River Aqueduct;  
 Easterly by Vara Lane; and  
 Southeasterly by Vara Lane.

or take any other action relative thereto.

The following *Substitute Motion* was not carried.

*Moved:* That the Town's Zoning Map be amended by changing from a single residence district to a business district the land in Needham bounded and described as follows:

Westerly by Reservoir Street;  
 Northerly by the Sudbury River Aqueduct;  
 Easterly by Vara Lane; and  
 Southeasterly by Vara Lane

and it was

*Voted:* That this article be dismissed.

**Article 82.** To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Map by changing from a single residence district to a business district the land in Needham bounded and described as follows:

Northeasterly by a curved line at the intersection of Central Avenue and Reservoir Street, also known as the Circumferential Highway; Easterly by said Reservoir Street about 492.39 feet; Southerly by land now or formerly of Bedus about 108 feet; Westerly by Colburn Street 551.20 feet; and Northerly by Central Avenue 63.70 feet.

or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. Phelan announced that he had been retained as an attorney and was speaking as such. He then introduced the following *Substitute Motion*, which carried

and it was

*Voted:* That the Town's Zoning Map be amended by changing from a single residence district to a business district the land in Needham bounded and described as follows:

Northeasterly by a curved line at the intersection of Central Avenue and Reservoir Street, also known as the Circumferential Highway; Easterly by said Reservoir Street about 492.39 feet; Southerly by land now or formerly of Bedus about 108 feet; Westerly by Colburn Street 551.20 feet; and Northerly by Central Avenue 63.70 feet.

148 Yes — 38 No

Mr. Walker, as Chairman of the Planning Board, then moved for reconsideration of Article 81, stating that if the Town voted favorably on Article 82, the Planning Board felt that they should then recommend the adoption of Article 81 in fairness to the owner of the land involved.

When put to a vote, the reconsideration prevailed and Article 81 was again presented to the meeting.



**Article 81.** To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Map by changing from a single residence district to a business district the land bounded and described as follows:

Westerly by Reservoir Street;  
Northerly by the Sudbury River Aqueduct;  
Easterly by Vara Lane; and  
Southeasterly by Vara Lane.

or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town's Zoning Map be amended by changing from a single residence district to a business district the land in Needham bounded and described as follows:

Westerly by Reservoir Street;  
Northerly by the Sudbury River Aqueduct;  
Easterly by Vara Lane; and  
Southeasterly by Vara Lane.

*Unanimous Vote*

**Article 83.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's General By-Laws by adding to Chapter IV thereof, under the caption "Police Regulations," a new section, as follows:

*Section 15.* The owner of premises within the Town on which a well, cistern or cesspool is located, or, if the premises are in the exclusive possession of a person other than the owner, such person having exclusive possession of said premises, shall cause each such well, cistern or cesspool which is being used, to be protected at the ground level by masonry and a metal cover, or by such other substantial protective material as shall be approved by the Town's Superintendent of Public Works.

The owner of premises within the Town on which a well, cistern or cesspool is located, or, if the premises are in the exclusive possession of a person other than the owner, such person having exclusive possession of said premises, shall cause each such well, cistern or cesspool, the use of which has been discontinued, to be filled in to ground level with material commonly used as fill or, in the case of a well or cistern, with the approval of the Town's Superintendent of Public Works, covered with masonry in a substantial and safe manner. Such filling or masonry work, as the case may be, shall be performed as to wells, cisterns and cesspools, the use of which has been discontinued prior to the effective date of this section, immediately following said effective date, and as to wells, cisterns and cesspools, the use of which shall be discontinued subsequent to the effective date of this section, immediately following such discontinuance of use.

or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town's General By-Laws be amended by adding to Chapter IV thereof, under the caption "Police Regulations," a new section, as follows:

*Section 15.* The owner of premises within the Town on which a well, cistern or cesspool is located, or, if the premises are in the exclusive possession of a person other than the owner, such person having exclusive possession of said premises, shall cause each such well, cistern or cesspool which is being used, to be protected at the ground level by masonry and a metal cover, or by such other substantial protective material as shall be approved by the Town's Superintendent of Public Works.

The owner of premises within the Town on which a well, cistern or cesspool is located, or, if the premises are in the exclusive possession of a person other than the owner, such person having exclusive possession of said premises, shall cause each such well, cistern or cesspool, the use of which has been discontinued, to be filled in to ground level with material commonly used as fill or, in the case of a well or cistern, with the approval of the Town's Superintendent of Public Works, covered with masonry in a substantial and safe manner. Such filling or masonry work, as the case may be, shall be performed as to wells, cisterns and cesspools, the use of which has been discontinued prior to the effective date of this section, immediately following said effective date, and as to wells, cisterns and cesspools, the use of which shall be discontinued subsequent to the effective date of this section, immediately following such discontinuance of use.

**Article 84.** To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 49 of the Acts of 1950 which authorizes the use of the Harris Woods area for general park purposes; or take any other action relative thereto.

The following *Substitute Motion* by Mr. Clarenbach did not carry.

*Moved:* That this Article be dismissed.

and it was

*Voted:* That the Town accept Chapter 49 of the Acts of 1950, authorizing the use of the Harris Woods area for general park purposes.

**Article 85.** To see if the Town will vote to establish a committee to make a complete study of all the insurance carried by the Town, including fire, liability, and workmen's compensation insurance, to make a report with its recommendations as to any desirable changes, additions or reductions in coverage or as to any changes in the method of insuring to the Selectmen not later than November 1, 1950; to instruct the Selectmen to incorporate said recommendations in articles to be inserted in the Warrant for the 1951 Annual Town Meeting; raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purposes of the Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

The following *Substitute Motion* by Mr. Robert Page, did not carry.

*Moved:* That a committee of five be established, to consist of one member appointed by the Finance Committee, one member appointed by the Needham Taxpayers' Association, two members who shall be actively engaged in the insurance business to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, and one member to be chosen by the foregoing four members; that said Committee be instructed to make a report with its recommendations of desirable changes, additions to or reductions in coverage and of desirable changes in the method of insuring to the Board of Selectmen not later than November 1, 1950; that the Selectmen be instructed to incorporate the Committee's recommendations in articles to be inserted in the Warrant for the 1951 Annual Town Meeting; and that the sum of \$1,500.00 be raised and appropriated from the current tax levy for the use of the Committee in engaging the services of professional insurance counsel.

and it was

*Voted:* That a committee of five be established, to consist of one member appointed by the Finance Committee, one member appointed by the Needham Taxpayers' Association, two members who shall be actively engaged in the insurance business, one representing stock companies and one representing mutual companies, to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, and one member to be chosen by the foregoing four members;

that said Committee be instructed to make a complete study of all insurance carried by the Town, including fire, liability and workmen's compensation insurance; that said Committee be instructed to make a report with its recommendations of desirable changes, additions to or reductions in coverage and of desirable changes in the method of insuring to the Board of Selectmen not later than November 1, 1950; that the Selectmen be instructed to incorporate the Committee's recommendations in articles to be inserted in the Warrant for the 1951 Annual Town Meeting and that the sum of \$250.00 be raised and appropriated from the current tax levy for the use of said Committee.

**Article 86.** To see if the Town will vote to have the reports of its Officers for 1950 and the proceedings of this and subsequent Town Meetings in 1950 printed; raise and appropriate a sum of money for said purpose; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That not exceeding 5500 copies of the reports of Town Officers and Departments for 1950 be printed, the same to include the salaries and wages of all Town employees by position classification and amount; that one copy of the consolidation of these reports be delivered to each dwelling house in the Town; that not exceeding 500 copies of the proceedings of this and subsequent Town meetings in 1950 be printed, the same to be distributed as the Selectmen may determine; and that the preparation, printing and distribution of all said reports be under the supervision of the Selectmen.

**Article 87.** To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation, borrowing or otherwise, such sums of money as may be necessary for all or any of the purposes mentioned in the foregoing articles; especially to act upon all appropriations asked for, or proposed by, the Selectmen, or any Town Officer or Committee; to appoint such Committees as may be decided upon; and to take action upon any matter which may properly come before the Meeting.

The following motion did not carry.

*Moved:* That so much of Article 14 of this Warrant as pertains to the Police Department be reconsidered.

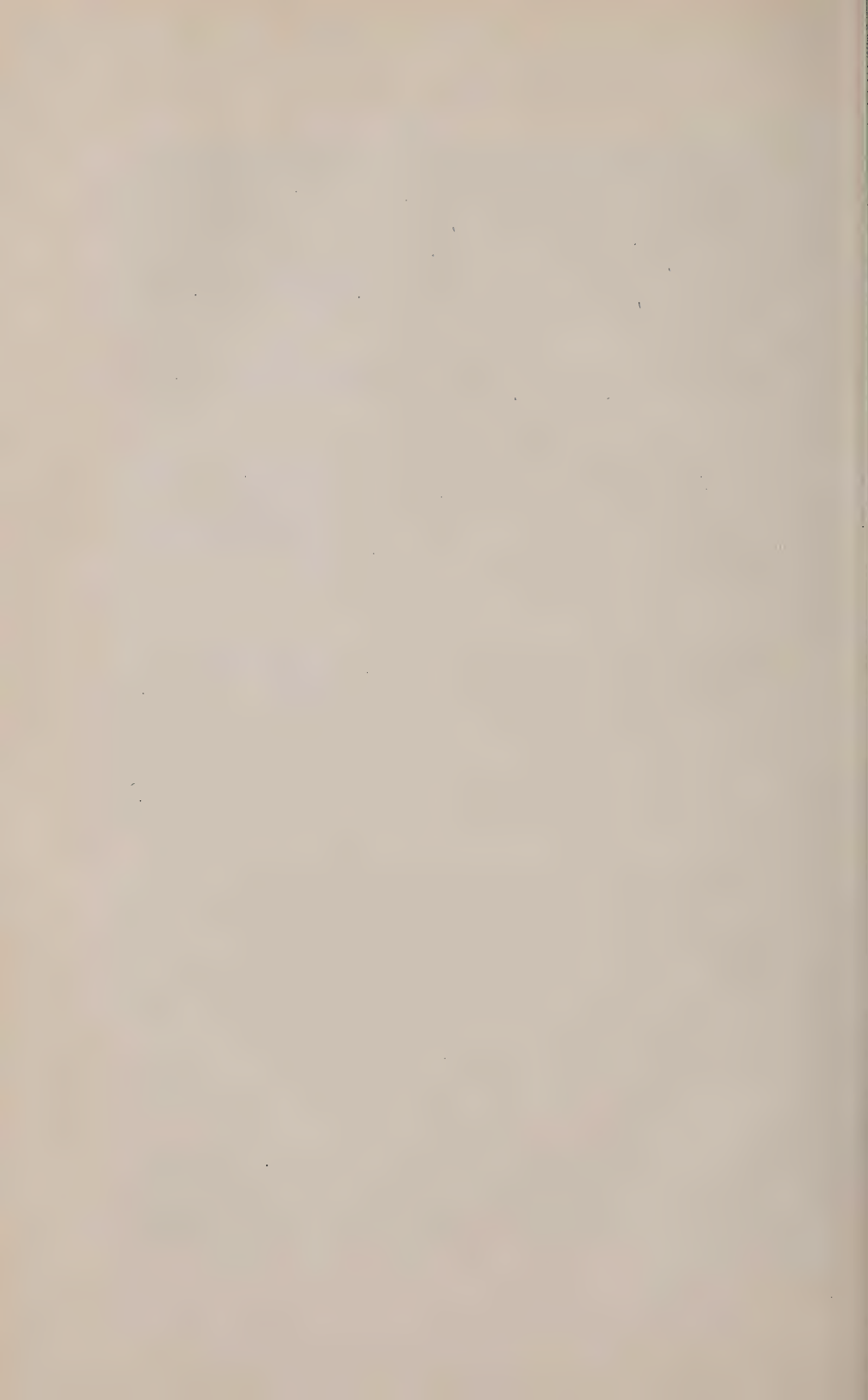
and it was

*Voted:* That action be taken by the Public Works Department to prevent the use of the Needham Town Dump by non-residents.

At 10:56 o'clock P.M., March 22, 1950, it was voted that this meeting be dissolved.

Attest:

MARIAN S. PETERSON,  
*Town Clerk.*









TOWN OF NEEDHAM

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TOWN CLERK'S RECORDS

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State Primary

September 19, 1950

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State Election

November 7, 1950

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Special Town Meeting

October 23, 1950

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Report of State Audit

for 1949



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# NEEDHAM TOWN RECORDS

FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1950

## RECORD OF STATE PRIMARY

September 19, 1950

Pursuant to the Warrant issued by the Selectmen, August 22, 1950, the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham, qualified to vote in elections, met at the polling places designated for the several precincts in said Needham on Tuesday, the nineteenth day of September in the year 1950 at 12:00 o'clock noon, for the purpose of nominating State and County officers. The polls remained open until 8:00 P.M.

The polling places had been designated as follows:

The voters of Precincts 1 and 3, in the Junior High School

The voters of Precinct 2, in the Harris School

The voters of Precinct 4, in the Congregational Church

The voters of Precincts 5 and 6, in the William Carter School

The ballot box returns in the Precincts were as follows:

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6
2:00 P.M.	97	72	100	101	21	73
4:00 P.M.	190	150	190	191	54	143
6:00 P.M.	326	322	340	331	125	266
8:00 P.M.	525	642	605	569	257	505

The Town Clerk and the Selectmen, upon receipt of the returns from the several precincts, forthwith canvassed the same and announced the results at 1:15 A.M.

The total number of votes cast was as follows:

Precinct 1 .....	525
Precinct 2 .....	642
Precinct 3 .....	605
Precinct 4 .....	569
Precinct 5 .....	257
Precinct 6 .....	505
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Total .....	3,103

(35.5% of Registered Voters)

The result of the balloting was as follows:

# DEMOCRATIC

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## TOWN OF NEEDHAM

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Total number of Votes Cast	28	18	22	24	19	12	123

### GOVERNOR

Paul A. Dever, Cambridge

Blanks

	20	12	16	14	16	10	88
	8	6	6	10	3	2	35

### LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Charles F. Jeff Sullivan, Worcester

William M. Bergan, Hull

G. Edward Bradley, Somerville

John Francis Cahill, Everett

J. Frank Murphy, Springfield

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	11	10	10	13	7	6	57
	0	0	0	2	2	0	4
	7	4	3	5	5	3	27
	2	1	1	1	1	0	6
	4	2	3	2	3	0	14
	4	1	5	1	1	3	15

### SECRETARY

Edward J. Cronin, Chelsea

Anthony L. Bruno, Boston

Stephen J. Carr, Boston

Martin Graham, Brewster

Paul V. Shaughnessy, Waltham

Alfred L. Smith, Boston

Alfred R. Vitale, Boston

John F. Welch, Boston

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	12	6	11	14	7	6	56
	2	0	0	1	3	0	6
	2	3	1	1	0	0	7
	2	0	1	0	1	0	4
	3	4	5	2	7	4	25
	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	2	0	1	2	1	0	6
	4	3	3	4	0	2	16

### TREASURER

John E. Hurley, Boston

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	23	15	20	22	15	10	105
	5	3	2	2	4	2	18

### AUDITOR

Thomas J. Buckley, Boston

Blanks

	24	16	18	18	14	10	100
	4	2	4	6	5	2	23

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

Francis E. Kelly, Boston	16	10	17	16	10	7	76
Benjamin F. Chesky, Boston	3	1	1	0	0	1	6
Eli Y. Krovitsky, Boston	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Isadore H. Y. Muchnick, Boston	7	4	2	5	8	3	29
Blanks	2	3	2	3	0	1	11

## CONGRESSMAN (Thirteenth District)

David J. Concannon, Milton	23	14	19	17	17	8	98
Blanks	5	4	3	7	2	4	25

## COUNCILLOR (Second District)

Israel Grossman, Boston	6	3	1	1	5	1	17
Charles J. McGrath, Boston	18	13	17	22	12	10	92
Blanks	4	2	4	1	2	1	14

## SENATOR (Second Norfolk District)

John J. Adams, Canton	5	2	5	4	3	1	20
Harry B. Butters, Norwood	6	7	6	2	3	4	28
William E. Hobbs, Milton	0	0	2	1	4	2	9
Henry C. Martin, Dedham	15	5	5	15	8	2	50
Blanks	2	4	4	2	1	3	16

## REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL COURT (Sixth Norfolk District)

John P. Trayers, Canton	22	14	17	18	17	7	95
William A. Flanagan, Canton	1	0	1	1	0	0	3
Blanks	33	22	26	29	21	17	148

## DISTRICT ATTORNEY (Norfolk District)

George Philip Carney, Quincy	13	6	5	7	3	3	37
Joseph F. X. Doherty, Quincy	11	9	14	11	14	7	66
Blanks	4	3	3	6	2	2	20

## DEMOCRATIC — Continued

COUNTY COMMISSIONER (Norfolk County)		Precincts			6	Total
		1	2	3	4	5
Robert S. Brown, Canton		6	3	3	5	2
John Francis Foley, Norwood		19	12	14	13	17
Blanks		3	3	5	6	0
SHERIFF (Norfolk County)		Precincts			6	Total
		22	12	15	19	17
Frederick O. Wilbee, Franklin		6	6	7	5	2
Blanks						
COUNTY TREASURER (Norfolk County )To fill vacancy		Precincts			6	Total
		22	13	17	17	17
Bertrand Remillard, Bellingham		6	5	5	7	2
Blanks						

## REPUBLICANS

Total number of Votes Cast		Precincts			6	Total
		1	2	3	4	5
		497	624	583	545	238
GOVERNOR		Precincts			6	Total
		34	55	57	54	19
Clarence A. Barnes, Mansfield		151	188	181	137	76
Arthur W. Coolidge, Reading		48	69	61	67	31
Louis E. Denfeld, Westborough		61	34	35	43	19
Frankland W. L. Miles, Newton		192	259	234	223	82
Daniel Needham, Newton		7	13	12	14	3
Edward M. Rowe, Cambridge		4	6	3	7	8
Blanks						1
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR		Precincts			6	Total
		223	264	259	226	104
Laurence Curtis, Boston		28	39	20	29	16
Warren G. Harris, Millbury		32	55	36	46	12
Daniel E. McLean, Beverly		90	131	105	111	41
Harris S. Richardson, Winchester		106	122	143	110	47
Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., Belmont		18	13	20	23	18
Blanks						13



## SECRETARY

John Adams, Andover .....	55	85	86	62	22	54	364
William B. Bailey, Somerville .....	41	46	31	55	24	48	245
Henry Clay, Springfield .....	25	20	14	18	9	15	101
Douglas Lawson, Boston .....	55	73	78	56	17	50	329
Randall W. (Ranny) Weeks, Newton .....	102	136	133	133	77	131	712
Russell A. Wood, Cambridge .....	152	182	169	149	52	127	831
Ada F. York, Brookline .....	16	17	18	14	7	13	85
Blanks .....	51	65	54	58	30	55	313

## TREASURER

Fred J. Burrell, Medford .....	221	245	226	213	111	199	1216
Roy C. Papalia, Watertown .....	244	339	330	297	112	267	1589
Blanks .....	32	39	27	35	15	27	175

## AUDITOR

William G. Andrew, Cambridge .....	358	471	445	399	175	370	2218
Warren A. Rodd, Boston .....	44	51	45	47	24	47	258
Blanks .....	95	102	93	99	39	76	504

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

Frederick Ayer, Jr., Wenham .....	148	213	217	189	51	144	962
Edward Robert Butterworth, Nahant .....	51	69	48	64	30	52	314
George Fingold, Concord .....	179	215	247	201	71	172	1085
Edwin W. Hadley, Newton .....	86	81	39	49	63	77	395
Frank F. Walters, Boston .....	13	17	12	10	11	25	88
Blanks .....	20	29	20	32	12	23	136

## CONGRESSMAN (Thirteenth District)

Richard B. Wigglesworth, Milton .....	445	565	538	490	206	445	2689
Blanks .....	52	59	45	55	32	48	291

## COUNCILLOR (Second District)

Clayton L. Havey, Boston .....	372	275	443	414	169	380	2254
Joseph Z. Corkin, Boston .....	74	85	79	68	35	62	403
Blanks .....	51	63	61	63	34	51	323

# REPUBLICANS — Continued

## SENATOR (Second Norfolk District)

Leslie B. Cutler, Needham	453	583	546	497	221	440	2740
William E. Hobbs, Milton	24	24	15	30	8	33	134
Blanks	20	17	22	18	9	20	106

## REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL COURT (Sixth Norfolk District)

Francis A. Harding, Dedham	354	448	426	393	150	338	2109
Harold Putnam, Needham	421	500	472	419	210	398	2420
Edward J. Keelan, Dedham	47	83	67	73	21	61	352
Harold E. Rosen, Dedham	63	79	66	68	27	74	377
Blanks	109	138	135	137	68	115	702

## DISTRICT ATTORNEY (Norfolk District)

Edmund R. Dewing, Wellesley	431	560	520	474	204	445	2634
Blanks	66	64	63	71	34	48	346

## COUNTY COMMISSIONER (Norfolk County)

Frederick A. Leavitt, Brookline	244	303	283	251	83	229	1393
Frederick G. Cliff, Wellesley	101	128	109	118	78	121	655
Arthur J. Forrest, Norwood	56	60	76	54	31	63	340
Charles J. Vaughan, Milton	24	37	25	25	13	19	143
Blanks	72	96	90	97	33	61	449

## SHERIFF (Norfolk County)

Samuel H. Wragg, Needham	444	570	524	492	209	452	2691
Blanks	53	54	59	53	29	41	289

## COUNTY TREASURER (Norfolk County) To fill vacancy

Thomas J. Hill, Jr., Brookline	148	174	169	159	97	146	893
Jerome F. Wadsworth, Cohasset	73	138	103	88	30	88	520
Raymond C. Warmington, Quincy	217	235	241	218	81	202	1194
Blanks	59	77	70	80	30	57	373

The ballots cast in the several precincts were returned to the Town Clerk in the sealed packages. The voting lists used at the entrances to the polling places and at the ballot boxes with the tally sheets and copy of the precinct record of elections were also returned, all properly sealed in conformity with the laws governing elections.

MARIAN S. PETERSON,  
*Town Clerk.*

Attest:

## RECORD OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

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Monday, October 23, 1950

Pursuant to a warrant signed by the Selectmen, October 17, 1950, the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, met in the Town Hall in said Town on October 23, 1950 at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The checkers appointed by the Selectmen were sworn to the faithful performance of their duties by the Town Clerk.

Check lists were used and 415 voters were checked on the list as being present. There were 207 Town Meeting members present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 o'clock P.M. by the Moderator, Samuel H. Wragg, and the call to the meeting and the officer's return were read by the Town Clerk, the reading of the Articles in the Warrant being waived upon motion.

**Article 1.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$10,000.00 for the purposes of Civil Defense under the provisions of Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether by transfer from available funds or by borrowing, and how it shall be expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. Martin moved that this Article be dismissed. The vote was in the negative and the substitute motion by the Finance Committee prevailed. It was

*Voted:* That the sum of \$5,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the purposes of Civil Defense under the provisions of Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950; that the sum of \$5,000.00 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account for said purpose; and that the said sum be expended under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen.

**Article 2.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 road construction; transfer the sum of \$3,000.00 from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the State and County shares of the total cost, this amount of \$3,000.00, when received by way of reimbursement from the State and County, to be restored to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$1,000.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 road construction, said sum to be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account for said purpose; that in addition the sum of \$3,000.00 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account to meet the State and County shares of the cost, this amount, when received by way of reimbursement from the State and County, to be restored to the Excess and Deficiency Account.

**Article 3.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for the construction of particular sewers and connecting drains to buildings, under the provisions of law authorizing assessments; determine how such sum shall be raised and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$3,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the construction of particular sewers and connecting drains to buildings, under the provisions of law authorizing assessments; and that the sum of \$3,000.00 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account for the said purpose.



**Article 4.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, acting for the Town, to dispose, by exchange or abandonment of an easement in a certain parcel of land now or formerly owned by Edward M. Gilpatrick off Mt. Vernon Avenue, the same being a portion of an easement taken by instrument recorded in Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, November 10, 1949, in Book 2869, Page 475; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Selectmen, acting for the Town, be authorized to dispose, by exchange or abandonment, of an easement in a certain parcel of land now or formerly owned by Edward M. Gilpatrick off Mt. Vernon Avenue, the same being a portion of an easement taken by instrument recorded in Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, November 10, 1949, in Book 2869, Page 475.

*Unanimous Vote*

**Article 5.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the construction of an addition to the existing Dwight School building and the purchase of original equipment and furnishings for said addition, said sum to be in addition to the appropriation made for said purposes by the vote under Article 57 of the 1950 Annual Town Meeting; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether by transfer from available funds or by borrowing, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$25,000.00 be raised and appropriated from the tax levy in the year 1951 for the construction of an addition to the existing Dwight School building and the purchase of original equipment and furnishings for said addition, said sum to be in addition to the appropriation made for said purposes by the vote under Article #57 of the 1950 Annual Town Meeting; and that the expenditure of said sum be under the supervision of the Committee established by the vote under Article #58 of the 1950 Annual Town Meeting.

**Article 6.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the repair and reconstruction of the present Dwight School building made necessary by the fire on September 19, 1950; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 8.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for improvements to the present Dwight School building; determine how such sum shall be raised and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was introduced that Articles #6 and #8 be considered together and it was so voted.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$55,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the repair and reconstruction of the present Dwight School Building made necessary by the fire on September 19, 1950, and for structural improvements to said building of the kind which would be required by existing law and current engineering practices; that the sum of \$40,968.00 received by the Town from the insurance company on account of reimbursement for said fire damage and held by the Treasurer in a special account entitled "Fire Damage, Dwight School," be appropriated for said purposes; that the balance of \$14,032.00 be raised from the tax levy in the year 1951; and that the expenditure of said total sum of \$55,000.00 be under the supervision of the Committee established by the vote under Article #58 of the 1950 Annual Town Meeting, subject however to the approval of all items of such expenditure by the Selectmen.

**Article 7.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the repair and replacement of furniture and equipment owned by the Town which was damaged or destroyed in the fire at the Dwight School on September 19, 1950; determine how such sum shall be raised and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$7,000.00 be raised and appropriated from the tax levy in the year 1951 for the repair and replacement of furniture and equipment owned by the Town which was damaged or destroyed in the fire at the Dwight School on September 19, 1950; and that said sum be expended under the supervision of the Committee established by the vote under Article #58 of the 1950 Annual Town Meeting.

**Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$13,000.00 for the cost of final plans, specifications and working drawings necessary for the construction of a new elementary school building on the land off Sylvan Road in the High Rock area acquired by the Town pursuant to the vote under Article 59 of the 1950 Annual Town Meeting; determine how such sum shall be raised and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$13,000.00 be raised and appropriated from the tax levy in the year 1951 for the cost of final plans, specifications and working drawings necessary for the construction of a new elementary school building on the land off Sylvan Road in the High Rock area acquired by the Town pursuant to the vote under Article #59 of the 1950 Annual Town Meeting; that said sum be expended under the supervision of the Committee established by vote under Article #60 of the 1950 Annual Town Meeting; and that said Committee be instructed to make a report, with its recommendations, to a Town Meeting, not later than the Annual Town Meeting in 1951.

**Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to acquire by purchase or by eminent domain for school purposes the fee in a certain parcel of land, including the trees and structures thereon, located on Sylvan Road in the town of Needham being now or formerly owned by David W. Pinkham, being described as Lot 44 on a "Plan of Subdivision of Land in Needham, Mass., owned by David W. Pinkham, Scale: 1 inch — 40 feet. May 6, 1947. H. L. Dodge, C.E.," said plan being filed in Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 143 as Plan No. 932 of 1947, and being bounded Southerly by Sylvan Road 86.40 feet, westerly by Lot 43 as shown on said plan 125 feet, Northerly by land of Town of Needham 73.62 feet and Easterly by Lot 45 as shown on said plan 125 feet, containing 10,000 square feet more or less; raise and appropriate a sum of money for the said purposes; determine how such sum shall be raised and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

The motion by the Finance Committee that this Article be dismissed was defeated and it was

*Voted:* That the Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized and empowered in the name and on behalf of the Town to acquire by purchase or by eminent domain for school purposes the fee in a certain parcel of land, including the trees and structures thereon, located on Sylvan Road in the town of Needham being now or formerly owned by David W. Pinkham, being described as Lot 44 on a "Plan of Subdivision of Land in Needham, Mass., owned by David W. Pinkham, Scale: 1 inch — 40 feet. May 6, 1947. H. L. Dodge, C.E.," said plan being filed in Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 143 as Plan No. 932 of 1947, and being bounded Southerly by Sylvan Road 86.40 feet, westerly by Lot 43 as shown on said plan 125 feet, Northerly by land of Town of Needham 73.62 feet and Easterly by Lot 45 as shown on said plan 125 feet, containing

10,000 square feet more or less; and that the sum of \$1800.00 be raised and appropriated from the tax levy in the year 1951 for the purpose of said acquisition.

Mr. Angell and Mr. Johnson were sworn as tellers and a count of hands showed 150 yes and 27 no.

**Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the appointment of a committee to obtain preliminary plans, specifications, working drawings and advice relative to the construction of a new elementary school building on the land on Broadmeadow Road in Needham acquired by the Town pursuant to the vote under Article 61 of the 1950 Annual Town Meeting; raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$3,500.00 for the use of said committee for said purposes; determine how said sum shall be raised and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. Teele asked for permission to speak on Articles 11 and 12 together, which was granted. Article 11 was then voted upon and it was

*Voted:* That a committee of nine be appointed to obtain plans, specifications, working drawings and advice relative to the construction of a new elementary school building on the land off Broadmeadow Road acquired by the Town pursuant to the vote under Article #61 of the 1950 Annual Town Meeting, said committee to consist of one member appointed by the Selectmen, one member appointed by the School Committee, one member appointed by the Planning Board, one member appointed by the Finance Committee, one member appointed by the Needham Taxpayers' Association, one member appointed by the Public School Association, one member appointed by the Recreation Commission, and two members, one of whom shall be an experienced builder and one of whom shall be a member of the committee established by vote under Article #62 of the 1950 Annual Town Meeting, to be appointed by the Moderator; that said committee be instructed to make a report to the Town, with its recommendations, not later than the Annual Town Meeting in 1951; and that the sum of \$3,500.00 be raised and appropriated from the tax levy in the year 1951 for the use of said committee.

**Article 12.** To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to petition the General Court for the enactment in 1951 of legislation authorizing the Town to borrow up to \$500,000.00 in excess of the Town's legal debt limit for the purpose of constructing elementary school buildings in the Town and for the purchase of original equipment and furnishings for said buildings; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Selectmen be instructed on behalf of the Town to petition the General Court for the enactment in 1951 of legislation authorizing the Town to borrow up to \$500,000.00 in excess of the Town's legal debt limit for the purpose of constructing elementary school buildings in the Town and for the purchase of original equipment and furnishings for said buildings.

At this point it was voted that Article #15 be considered next.

**Article 15.** To see if the Town will vote to establish a new Town public refuse disposal area on the parcel of land described in Article 13 of this warrant; establish rules and regulations pertaining to the control, regulation, care and maintenance of said public refuse disposal area and to the hours during which said area shall be open to the public; or take any other action relative thereto.

and it was

*Voted:* That a new Town public refuse disposal area be established on the parcel of land described in Article #13 of this Warrant; that the



control, regulation, care and maintenance of said public refuse disposal area be delegated to the Public Works Department; that the Public Works Department be instructed to establish rules and regulations, subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen, which shall govern the operation and use of said area; and that the recommendations of the committee established by vote under Article #43 of the 1950 Annual Town Meeting, relative to the hours during which said area shall be open, be incorporated into and made a part of said rules and regulations.

**Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to acquire by purchase or by eminent domain for the purpose of a public refuse disposal area the fee in a certain parcel of land in Needham, including the trees and structures thereon, said parcel being now or formerly owned by Laura N. Chamberlain and being bounded and described as follows:

*Easterly* by land now or formerly of Victoria Cranford about 650 feet;  
*Southerly* by land now or formerly of Victoria Cranford about 650 feet;  
*Southeasterly* by land now or formerly of Gennaro Pezzella about 347.9 feet;

*Northeasterly* by land now or formerly of Frank Marsilli about 360 feet;

*Northwesterly* by land now or formerly of Matheson Radio Co., Inc. about 642 feet;

*Northeasterly* by land now or formerly of Matheson Radio Co., Inc. about 380 feet;

*Northwesterly* by land now or formerly of Matheson Radio Co., Inc. about 1,758 feet;

*Southerly* by land now or formerly of Walter L. and Doris L. Read and land now or formerly of Louis and Adelheid Romaszkievicz about 227 feet; and

*Southerly* again by land now or formerly of Herbert B. and Wendell P. Mackintosh about 725 feet.

Containing about seventeen acres, together with a right of way to Central Avenue.

raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$3,000.00 for the said purposes; determine how said sum shall be raised and how expended, or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized and empowered in the name and on behalf of the Town to acquire by purchase or by eminent domain for the purpose of a public refuse disposal area the fee in a certain parcel of land in Needham, including the trees and structures thereon, said parcel being now or formerly owned by Laura N. Chamberlain and being bounded and described as follows:

*Easterly* by land now or formerly of Victoria Cranford about 650 feet;  
*Southerly* by land now or formerly of Victoria Cranford about 650 feet;  
*Southeasterly* by land now or formerly of Gennaro Pezzella about 347.9 feet;

*Northeasterly* by land now or formerly of Frank Marsilli about 360 feet;

*Northwesterly* by land now or formerly of Matheson Radio Co., Inc. about 642 feet;

*Northeasterly* by land now or formerly of Matheson Radio Co., Inc. about 380 feet;

*Northwesterly* by land now or formerly of Matheson Radio Co., Inc. 1,758 feet;



*Southerly* by land now or formerly of Walter L. and Doris L. Read and land now or formerly of Louis and Adelheid Romaszkievicz about 227 feet; and

*Southerly* again by land now or formerly of Herbert B. and Wendell P. Mackintosh about 725 feet.

Containing about seventeen acres, together with a right of way to Central Avenue,

and that the sum of \$3,000.00 be raised and appropriated from the tax levy in the year 1951 for the purpose of said acquisition.

*Unanimous Vote*

**Article 14.** To see if the Town will vote to acquire by purchase or by eminent domain a perpetual easement in a right of way over the land now or formerly owned by Victoria Cranford on Central Avenue in the town of Needham for the purpose of providing a means of travel by the public between Central Avenue and the Town's public refuse disposal area, described in the preceding article of this warrant, including the right to construct a roadway thereon, said right of way being twenty feet in width and extending ten feet on either side of the center line of the existing way over said premises, said center line being located and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the Northerly side-line of Central Avenue as laid out by the Norfolk County Commissioners in 1922, said point being eighty-four (84) feet Easterly along Central Avenue from the Southeast corner of the land now or formerly owned by Victoria Cranford on Central Avenue; thence running Northwesterly one hundred and eighty (180) feet to a point ten (10) feet Northeasterly from the boundary line between land of said Victoria Cranford and land now or formerly of Herbert B. and Wendell P. Mackintosh; thence running Northwesterly again four hundred and twenty-five (425) feet more or less, by a line ten (10) feet Northeasterly of and parallel with said boundary line to land now or formerly of Laura N. Chamberlain; raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$500.00 for said purposes; determine how such sum shall be raised and expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized and empowered in the name and on behalf of the Town to acquire by purchase or by eminent domain a perpetual easement in a right of way over the land now or formerly owned by Victoria Cranford on Central Avenue in the Town of Needham for the purpose of providing a means of travel by the public between Central Avenue and the Town's public refuse disposal area, described in Article #13 of this Warrant, including the right to construct a roadway thereon, said right of way being twenty feet in width and extending ten feet on either side of the center line of the existing way over said premises, said center line being located and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the Northerly side-line of Central Avenue as laid out by the Norfolk County Commissioners in 1922, said point being eighty-four (84) feet Easterly along Central Avenue from the Southeast corner of the land now or formerly owned by Victoria Cranford on Central Avenue; thence running Northwesterly one hundred and eighty (180) feet to a point ten (10) feet Northeasterly from the boundary line between land of said Victoria Cranford and land now or formerly of Herbert B. and Wendell P. Mackintosh; thence running Northwesterly again four hundred and twenty-five (425) feet more or less, by a line ten (10) feet Northeasterly of and parallel with said boundary line to land now or formerly of Laura N. Chamberlain;

and that the sum of \$500.00 be raised and appropriated from the tax levy in the year 1951 for the purpose of said acquisition.

*Unanimous Vote*

**Article 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$12,500.00 for the purchase of equipment for use in the Town's public refuse disposal area and for the preparation of the area and the approaches thereto, including the easement referred to in Article 14 of this warrant; determine how such sum shall be raised and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$12,500.00 be raised and appropriated from the tax levy in the year 1951 for the purchase of equipment for use in the Town's public refuse disposal area and for the preparation of the area and the approaches thereto, including the easement referred to in Article #14 of this Warrant; and that said sum be expended under the supervision of the Superintendent of Public Works.

**Article 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$8,500.00 for the repair and remodeling of the house on the Chapman property, so-called, purchased by the Town for municipal hospital purposes pursuant to the vote under Article 63 of the 1950 Annual Town Meeting; determine how such sum shall be raised and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That this article be dismissed.

**Article 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$114.20 for the payment of the balance of the real estate tax assessed for the year 1950 against the property formerly owned by Lizzie M. Chapman and acquired by the Town pursuant to the vote under Article 63 of the 1950 Annual Town Meeting; determine how such sum shall be raised; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$114.20 be raised and appropriated for the payment of the balance of the real estate tax assessed for the year 1950 against the property formerly owned by Lizzie M. Chapman and acquired by the Town pursuant to the vote under Article #63 of the 1950 Annual Town Meeting; and that said sum be raised by the transfer of \$114.20 from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

**Article 19.** To see if the Town will vote to establish a committee to study and report upon the advisability and necessity of enlarging the Town's police department garage; raise and appropriate a sum of money for the use of said committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

The following motion did not carry.

*Moved:* That a committee of three be established to study the necessity and advisability of enlarging the Town's police department garage, said three members to be appointed by the Moderator; and that said committee be instructed to report with its recommendations to the 1951 Annual Town Meeting.

**Article 20.** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the report of the Selectmen of their division of the Town into voting precincts, under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 54, Section 6; or take any other action relative thereto.

The report of the Selectmen of their division of the Town into voting precincts, as read by the Town Clerk, follows.

June 20, 1950.

Marian S. Peterson  
Town Clerk  
Needham 92, Mass.

Dear Mrs. Peterson:

The Board of Selectmen have, as of this date, completed the division of the Town into six voting precincts, as indicated on the map of the Town, attached hereto.

The division has been effected, in so far as possible, so that the number of voters in each of the precincts shall be nearly equal.

Very truly yours,

EMERY S. DOANE, *Chairman*,  
GEORGE M. POND, *Vice-Chairman*,  
EDWARD J. STEWART, *Secretary*,  
*Board of Selectmen.*

It was

*Voted:* That the Town adopt the report of the Selectmen of their division of the Town into voting precincts, under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 54, Section 6.

**Article 21.** To see if the Town will vote to accept Section 16A of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, which provides that in a town divided into voting precincts which accepts this section, if the warden, clerk, or inspector, or the deputy of any such officer, if any, is not present at the opening of the polls, the town clerk may appoint a person to fill such vacancy who shall be an enrolled voter of the same political party as the absent officer, if any competent person enrolled in such party is present and willing to serve.

*Voted:* That the Town accept Section 16A of Chapter 54 of the General Laws.

**Article 22.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Map, which is incorporated into the Town's Zoning By-Laws, by changing from a single residence district to a business district that area abutting Great Plain Avenue eighty (80) feet in depth, extending from Ridgeway Avenue Easterly to the present business district; or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. Walker spoke for the Planning Board recommending the adoption of this zoning by-law. However, when put to a vote this motion was defeated by a Unanimous vote.

*Moved:* That the Town's Zoning Map, which is incorporated by reference into the Town's Zoning By-Laws, be amended by changing from a single residence district to a business district that area abutting Great Plain Avenue eighty (80) feet in depth, extending from Ridgeway Avenue Easterly to the present business district.

**Article 23.** To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning By-Laws by striking out Section 22 thereof and by inserting in place thereof the following:

Section 22. Special Uses Controlled. No permit for a commercial garage for the storage or repair of vehicles, for a filling station, or for any blacksmith shop, contractor's yard, junk yard, sand or gravel pit, lumber, fuel or ice establishment, laundry, stone mason's yard, hospi-

tal, cemetery or manufacturing plant, shall be issued by the Building Inspector except after written approval by the Board of Appeals as provided in Section 28. No application for a permit for any of such uses shall be granted where it would be detrimental or injurious to the neighborhood, whether of business or of residential nature; and no application for a permit for a commercial garage for the storage or repair of vehicles, or for a filling station, shall be granted, in any event, for a location any part of which is within three hundred feet of a school.

or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. William P. Bailey offered the following amendment.

*Moved:* That the motion now under consideration be amended, by the addition thereto of the words "or church", to the last sentence, following the words "within three hundred feet of a school", so that the final portion of the last paragraph shall read as follows, namely; "and no application for a permit for a commercial garage for the storage or repair of vehicles, or for a filling station, shall be granted, in any event, for a location any part of which is within three hundred feet of a school or church."

When put to a vote, this amendment was accepted and it was

*Voted:* That the Town's Zoning By-Laws be amended by striking out Section 22 thereof and by inserting in place thereof the following:

Section 22. Special Uses Controlled. No permit for a commercial garage for the storage or repair of vehicles, for a filling station, or for any blacksmith shop, contractor's yard, junk yard, sand or gravel pit, lumber, fuel or ice establishment, laundry, stone mason's yard, hospital, cemetery or manufacturing plant, shall be issued by the Building Inspector except after written approval by the Board of Appeals as provided in Section 28. No application for a permit for any of such uses shall be granted where it would be detrimental or injurious to the neighborhood, whether of business or of residential nature; and no application for a permit for a commercial garage for the storage or repair of vehicles, or for a filling station, shall be granted, in any event, for a location any part of which is within three hundred feet of a school or church.

*Unanimous Vote*

**Article 24.** To see if the Town will vote to amend "The Rules and Regulations Governing the Classification of Personnel, the Administration of Standard Rates of Salary and Wages and Conditions of Employment of Town Officers and Employees" adopted by vote under Article 11 of the 1949 Annual Town Meeting, by striking out the last sentence of Section 6 thereof and by inserting in place thereof the following:

"It shall recommend to a town meeting not later than the next Annual Town Meeting such amendments to the Classification Plan as may be warranted."

so that Section 6, as amended, will read as follows:

6. Continuing Review. The Town Finance Committee from time to time, of its own motion, shall investigate the work and standard rates of salaries and wages of all positions subject to the provisions of this Classification Plan. Such reviews shall be so scheduled as to cover all such positions at intervals of not more than two years. It shall recommend to a town meeting not later than the next Annual Town Meeting such amendments to the Classification Plan as may be warranted.

or take any other action relative thereto.



Mr. Phelan asked and was granted, permission to speak on Articles #24 and #25.

Under Article #24, the Finance Committee offered a substitute motion that this Article be dismissed and it was so voted.

**Article 25.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize and instruct the Finance Committee to make a special study of "The Rules and Regulations Governing the Classification of Personnel, the Administration of Standard Rates of Salary and Wages and Conditions of Employment of Town Officers and Employees," and of "The Classifications and Standard Rates of Salaries and Wages," both of which were adopted by vote under Article 11 of the 1949 Annual Town Meeting, and to make a written report, with its recommendations as to desirable changes in said Rules and Regulations and in said Classifications and Standard Rates to the first town meeting to be held subsequent to December 31, 1950; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That this article be dismissed.

**Article 26.** To see if the Town will vote to ratify the action of the Finance Committee, since the 1950 Annual Town Meeting, in adding a new classification and the salary therefor, to "The Classification and Standard Rates of Salaries and Wages" adopted by vote under Article 11 of the 1949 Annual Town meeting, as follows:

	Salary Range	
	Minimum	Maximum
Building Inspector — full time	\$3,700	\$4,000

or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the Town ratify the action of the Finance Committee, taken since the 1950 Annual Town Meeting, in adding a new classification and the salary therefor, to "The Classifications and Standard Rates of Salaries and Wages" adopted by vote under Article #11 of the 1949 Annual Town Meeting, as follows:

	Salary Range	
	Minimum	Maximum
Building Inspector — full time	\$3,700.00	\$4,000.00

**Article 27.** To see if the Town will vote to establish a fifty-six hour work-week for the permanent members of the Fire Department; raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$1,916.64 for the cost during 1950 of such additional personnel as will be required in the Fire Department by reason of the establishment of said fifty-six hour work-week; determine how such sum shall be raised; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That this article be dismissed.

**Article 28.** To see if the Town will vote to establish a forty hour work-week for the members of the Police Department; raise and appropriate a sum of money for the cost during 1950 of such additional personnel as will be required in the Police Department by reason of the establishment of said forty hour work-week; determine how such sum shall be raised; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That this article be dismissed.

**Article 29.** To see what action the Town will vote to take relative to the continuance of use of the temporary Veterans' housing buildings on the Town's Norris Farm property.

*Voted:* That the temporary Veterans' housing buildings on the Town's Norris Farm property be used as heretofore, until further action by a town meeting.

**Article 30.** To see if the Town will vote to extend the time within which the Committee, established under Article 85 of the 1950 Annual Town Meeting to make a study of the Town's insurance program, shall make its report with recommendations to the Selectmen; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Voted:* That the time within which the Committee, established under Article #85 of the 1950 Annual Town Meeting to make a study of the Town's insurance program, shall make its report with recommendations to the Selectmen be extended to December 31, 1950.

**Article 31.** To receive the reports of committees and to take action upon any other matter which may properly come before the meeting.

*Voted:* That the reports of committees made to this special town meeting be accepted and placed on file.

Mr. Cotter offered the following resolution which was passed.

#### A RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS, the question of adopting a flat rate for compulsory automobile insurance for the entire Commonwealth of Massachusetts will appear on the official State ballot November 7th; and
- WHEREAS, the existing system of rating accurately reflects the ability of the citizens of a community to drive carefully and avoid accidents; and
- WHEREAS, the citizens of Needham have demonstrated this ability as reflected in the Town's low compulsory insurance rate; and
- WHEREAS, the adoption of a flat rate for the entire Commonwealth would result in an increase of at least 24% in the cost of compulsory automobile insurance to the citizens of Needham; be it
- RESOLVED, That the sense of this Special Town Meeting be recorded against this question and that all citizens of Needham be urged to vote NO on Question Number 5 on the ballot November 7th.

The Town Meeting Members also passed the following resolution, which was introduced by Mr. Hardy.

RESOLVED: That the Town of Needham, through this Town Meeting, express its grateful appreciation for the loyal, arduous and effective service rendered to the Town by the following named members of the Glover Memorial Hospital Building Committee, which was established by vote under Article #5 of the Special Town Meeting of June 10, 1947, and which has recently completed its work:

RUSSELL J. RICE, *Chairman*,  
 CARLETON D. MORSE, *Secretary*,  
 DR. KENNETH CHRISTOPHE,  
 SAMUEL S. HALL, JR.,  
 ROBERT N. McCLELLAN,  
 EDWIN W. L. PAGE,  
 EDWARD J. STEWART.

At 9:45 o'clock P.M., October 23, 1950, it was voted that this meeting be dissolved.

MARIAN S. PETERSON,  
*Town Clerk.*

Attest:

## REPORT OF STATE AUDIT

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 40 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, the following summary of the State Audit is published.

August 1, 1950.

*To the Board of Selectmen:*

Mr George M. Pond, *Chairman*  
Needham, Massachusetts

*Gentlemen:*

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Needham for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1949, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

FXL:GBS

(Signed) FRANCIS X. LANG,  
*Director of Accounts.*

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Mr. Francis X. Lang  
Director of Accounts  
Department of Corporations and Taxation  
State House, Boston

*Sir:*

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Needham for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1949, and submit the following report thereon:

The records of financial transactions of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or committing bills for collection were checked and verified by comparison with the records in the office of the town accountant.

The books and accounts in the town accountant's office were examined and checked with the records of the several departments in which money is collected or bills are committed for collection and with the town treasurer's records.

The general and appropriation ledger cards were analyzed, the receipts were compared with the treasurer's records, the appropriations and loan authorizations were checked with the town clerk's records of financial votes passed in town meetings, the transfers from the reserve fund were verified by comparison with the transfers authorized by the finance committee, and the payments were checked with the approved treasury warrants.

A balance sheet showing the financial condition of the town on December 31, 1949 was prepared and is appended to this report.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The recorded receipts were analyzed and compared with the records in the various departments showing payments to the treasurer, with the town accountant's records, and with other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury. The disbursements were compared with the town accountant's records and with the approved treasury warrants on file.

The treasurer's cash balance on February 28, 1950 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks in which town funds are deposited.

The recorded payments on account of maturing debt and interest were compared with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities and coupons on file. The outstanding bonds and coupons were listed and reconciled with a statement furnished by the bank of deposit.

The records of tax titles and tax possessions held by the town were examined and checked. The amounts transferred to the tax title account were compared with the collector's books, the amounts received from the redemption of tax titles and the sale of tax possessions were checked to the treasurer's recorded receipts, and the tax titles and tax possessions on hand were listed, reconciled with the accountant's ledger, and compared with the records in the Registry of Deeds.

The savings bank books and securities representing the investments of the trust and investment funds in the custody of the town treasurer were examined and listed. The income was proved, the expenditures were compared with the receipted bills on file, and the amounts transferred to the town were checked with the treasurer's and the accountant's records.

The investments of the contributory retirement system in the custody of the town treasurer were examined and listed. The receipts and disbursements were verified by comparison with the records of the contributory retirement board, and the cash balance on February 28, 1950 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank of deposit.

The books and accounts of the town collector were examined and checked in detail. The tax, motor vehicle and trailer excise, assessment, departmental, and water accounts outstanding at the time of the last examination, as well as all subsequent commitments, were checked with the warrants for their collection.

The collector's cash books were analyzed, the recorded collections were compared with the payments to the treasurer, the abatements were checked to the records in the departments authorized to grant them, the taxes and assessments transferred to the tax title account were verified, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the respective ledger accounts.

In checking the departmental accounts receivable it was noted that, although the town expended \$21,227.62 during 1949 for veterans' benefits, the reimbursements by the State under the provisions of Section 6, Chapter 115, General Laws are based on expenditures authorized by the State Commissioner of Veterans' Services in the amount of \$17,867.25. It is evident that the local agent in many cases has granted aid which was in excess of the amount authorized by the State Commissioner of Veterans' Services.

Verification of the correctness of the outstanding accounts was made by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts as listed, are correct.

The records of deferred apportioned assessments were examined and checked. The amounts added to taxes were checked, the payments in advance were verified, and the apportionments due in future years were listed and reconciled to the accountant's ledger accounts.

The financial records of the town clerk were examined and checked. The records of financial votes passed at town meetings were checked to



the town accountant's books. The receipts on account of licenses, permits, and miscellaneous fees were checked, and the payments to the town treasurer and to the Division of Fisheries and Game were verified.

The surety bonds of the several town officials required by law to furnish them for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

The records of licenses and permits issued by the selectmen, as well as those of the police, building, and health departments, were examined and checked, and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The records of receipts of the sealer of weights and measures, of the school and library departments, as well as of all other departments in which money is collected for the town, were examined and checked, and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

Appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, are tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax, motor vehicle and trailer excise, assessment, tax title, departmental, and water accounts, as well as tables showing the condition and transactions of the trust, investment, and retirement funds.

During the progress of the audit, cooperation was received from all officials of the town, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) HERMAN B. DINE,  
*Assistant Director of Accounts.*

HBD:GBS

A true copy attest:

MARIAN S. PETERSON,  
*Town Clerk.*

## RECORD OF STATE ELECTION

November 7, 1950

Pursuant to the Warrant issued by the Selectmen, October 17, 1950, the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham, qualified to vote in elections, met at the polling places designated for the several precincts in said Needham on Tuesday, the seventh day of November in the year 1950 at 6:45 in the forenoon. The polls remained open until eight o'clock in the afternoon.

The polling places had been designated as follows:

The voters of Precincts 1 and 3, in the Junior High School

The voters of Precinct 2, in the Harris School

The voters of Precinct 4, in the Congregational Church

The voters of Precincts 5 and 6, in the William Carter School

The ballot box returns in the Precincts, were as follows:

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6
8:00 A.M.	127	150	103	100	58	92
10:00 A.M.	292	350	212	326	145	286
12:00 Noon	443	450	515	483	239	418
2:00 P.M.	576	572	646	625	254	558
4:00 P.M.	723	700	786	748	466	687
6:00 P.M.	901	900	990	963	656	893
8:00 P.M.	1203	1305	1335	1260	1100	1301
Absentee Votes	53	22	50	35	18	20
Soldier Absentee Votes	3	1	1	3	1	1

The Town Clerk and the Selectmen, upon receipt of the returns from the several precincts, forthwith canvassed the same and announced the results at 1:45 A.M.

The total number of votes cast was as follows:

Precinct 1 .....	1,259
Precinct 2 .....	1,328
Precinct 3 .....	1,386
Precinct 4 .....	1,298
Precinct 5 .....	1,119
Precinct 6 .....	1,322
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Total .....	7,712
(82% of Registered Voters)	

The result of the balloting was as follows:

	1	2	3	Precincts			Total
	1259	1328	1386	1298	1119	1322	7712
Total Number of Votes Cast.....							

## GOVERNOR

Paul A. Dever of Cambridge.....	308	182	197	258	422	307	1674
Arthur W. Coolidge of Reading.....	915	1126	1167	1022	674	996	5900
Horace I. Hillis of Saugus.....	5	3	3	5	7	3	26
Mark R. Shaw of Melrose.....	3	4	3	1	1	4	16
Blanks.....	28	13	16	12	15	12	96

## LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Charles F. Jeff Sullivan of Worcester.....	259	156	168	222	392	259	1456
Laurence Curtis of Boston.....	961	1155	1204	1059	704	1043	6126
Lawrence Giffedder of Boston.....	4	3	2	5	8	4	26
Blanks.....	35	14	12	12	15	16	104

## SECRETARY

Edward J. Cronin of Chelsea.....	269	165	179	240	359	254	1466
Russell A. Wood of Cambridge.....	873	1081	1119	981	650	957	5661
Ellsworth J. M. Dickson of Needham.....	67	41	61	48	65	77	359
Fred M. Ingersoll of Lynn.....	3	8	1	4	7	4	27
Blanks.....	47	33	26	25	38	30	199

## TREASURER

John E. Hurley of Boston.....	381	326	353	362	446	388	2256
Fred J. Burrell of Medford.....	770	913	940	861	610	846	4940
Henning A. Blomen of Boston.....	8	3	2	7	10	7	37
Harold J. Ireland of Worcester.....	24	15	25	14	1	24	103
Blanks.....	76	71	66	54	52	57	376

	Precincts						Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
<b>AUDITOR</b>							
Thomas J. Buckley of Boston	332	223	251	314	423	341	1884
William G. Andrews of Cambridge	880	1070	1094	949	636	933	5562
Robert A. Simmons of Boston	6	4	6	7	5	9	37
Francis A. Votano of Lynn	5	4	3	2	10	5	29
Blanks	36	27	32	26	45	34	200
<b>ATTORNEY GENERAL</b>							
Francis E. Kelly of Boston	235	115	138	190	357	242	1277
Frederick Ayer, Jr. of Wenham	968	1185	1217	1076	705	1041	6192
Anthony Martin of Boston	5	3	1	3	8	5	25
Howard B. Rand of Haverhill	3	3	4	5	2	4	21
George E. Fingold of Concord	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Blanks	48	22	26	23	47	30	196
<b>CONGRESSMAN (Thirteenth District)</b>							
Richard B. Wigglesworth of Milton	974	1163	1196	1076	766	1039	6214
David J. Concannon of Milton	227	135	154	180	292	225	1213
William R. Ferry of Newton	8	7	7	9	8	15	54
Blanks	50	23	29	33	53	43	231
<b>COUNCILLOR (Second District)</b>							
Clayton L. Havey of Boston	964	1147	1205	1063	705	1022	6106
Charles J. McGrath of Boston	226	139	146	188	330	238	1267
Blanks	69	42	35	47	84	62	339
<b>SENATOR (Second Norfolk District)</b>							
Leslie B. Cutler of Needham	1012	1183	1239	1101	839	1095	6469
Harry B. Butters of Norwood	211	124	118	168	255	197	1073
Blanks	36	21	29	29	25	30	170
<b>REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL COURT (Sixth Norfolk District)</b>							
Francis A. Harding of Dedham	864	1068	1076	945	610	934	5497
Harold Putnam of Needham	1012	1142	1205	1048	811	1060	6278
William A. Flanagan of Canton	177	115	109	146	233	167	947
John P. Trayers of Canton	126	84	74	110	183	130	707
Blanks	339	247	308	347	401	353	1995



## DISTRICT ATTORNEY (Norfolk District)

Edmund R. Dewing of Wellesley .....	1011	1177	1240	1098	773	1078	6377
George Philip Carney of Quincy .....	189	119	116	169	292	198	1083
Blanks .....	59	32	30	31	54	46	252

## COUNTY COMMISSIONER (Norfolk County)

Frederick A. Leavitt of Brookline .....	935	1137	1175	1021	701	1004	5973
John Francis Foley of Norwood .....	251	149	169	221	346	258	1394
Blanks .....	73	42	42	56	72	60	345

## SHERIFF (Norfolk County)

Samuel H. Wragg of Needham .....	1001	1174	1232	1104	818	1112	6441
Frederick O. Wilbee of Franklin .....	189	116	119	155	250	167	996
Blanks .....	69	38	35	39	51	43	275

## COUNTY TREASURER (Norfolk County) To fill vacancy

Bertrand Remillard of Bellingham .....	262	164	191	239	343	263	1462
Raymond C. Warrington of Quincy .....	898	1099	1134	984	690	986	5791
Blanks .....	99	65	61	75	86	73	459

## QUESTION NO. 1

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution summarized below which was approved by the General Court in a joint session of the two branches held June 9, 1947, received 244 votes in the affirmative and 0 in the negative, and in a joint session of the two branches held June 8, 1949, received 242 votes in the affirmative and 7 in the negative?

Yes  
No  
Blanks

960	1102	1189	1051	738	1093	6133
78	84	73	73	119	84	511
221	142	124	174	262	145	1068

*Summary*

This proposed amendment of the Constitution provides for the time when the respective terms of office of the governor, lieutenant-governor and councillors shall begin and the time when their respective terms shall end. It also makes provision relative to the succession to the office of governor in the event of the death of the governor elect before qualification for the office of governor; and it further makes provision relative to the succession to the office of governor in the event of the death of both the governor elect and the lieutenant-governor elect before qualification for their respective offices.

## QUESTION NO. 2

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution summarized below which was approved by the General Court in a joint session of the two branches held June 4, 1948, received 154 votes in the affirmative and 44 in the negative, and in a joint session of the two branches held June 8, 1949, received 160 votes in the affirmative and 93 in the negative?

**Yes**  
**No**  
**Blanks**

*Summary*

This proposed amendment to the Constitution provides for an increase in the number of signatures of qualified voters required upon an initiative or upon a referendum petition, and it further makes provision for changes in legislative procedures thereon with reference to dates upon, or within which, acts shall be done in the various stages necessary to be taken upon such petitions.

## QUESTION NO. 3

Do you approve of a law summarized below on which the House of Representatives did not vote and on which the Senate did not vote?

**Yes**  
**No**  
**Blanks**

*Summary*

This measure provides for minimum payments of seventy-five dollars per month, or eighty-five dollars per month if blind, as assistance to deserving aged persons who have reached the age of sixty-three years or over and are in need of relief and support.

## QUESTION NO. 4

Do you approve of a law summarized below on which the House of Representatives did not vote and on which the Senate did not vote?

**Yes**  
**No**  
**Blanks**

*Summary*

This measure provides for the creation of a Massachusetts commission for the purpose of conducting once every month a lottery drawing to raise additional funds by means of tickets sold to the public, within the Commonwealth, the net proceeds to be divided as follows: 50 per cent to the winners as prizes, 35 per cent for assistance to needy aged persons, 7½ per cent for assistance to needy blind persons, 7½ per cent for assistance to dependent children.

	Precincts						Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
	895	1047	1118	989	671	1019	5739
	135	141	133	117	163	139	828
	229	140	135	192	285	164	1145
	367	275	283	364	470	375	2134
	756	973	1042	831	477	848	4927
	136	80	61	103	172	99	651
	157	128	121	185	294	180	1065
	970	1134	1208	1015	647	1047	6021
	132	66	57	98	178	95	626

## QUESTION NO. 5

Do you approve of a law summarized below which was disapproved in the House of Representatives by a vote of 77 in the affirmative and 139 in the negative and in the Senate by a vote of 13 in the affirmative and 25 in the negative?

Yes	60	38	46	46	52	52	294
No	1090	1242	1278	1163	978	1212	6963
Blanks	109	48	62	89	89	58	455

*Summary*

The proposed measure strikes out the first sentence of section 113B of chapter 175 of the General Laws (Tercentenary Edition) as most recently amended by section 4 of chapter 459 of the acts of 1935, and inserts in place thereof a sentence which provides that the Commissioner of Insurance shall annually, on or before September fifteenth, after due hearing and investigation, fix and establish fair and reasonable classifications of risks and adequate, just, reasonable and non-discriminatory premium charges to be used and charged by insurance companies in connection with the issue or execution of motor vehicle liability policies or bonds, as defined in section 34A of chapter 90 of the General Laws, for the ensuing calendar year or any part thereof, but said classifications and premium charges shall be uniform throughout the Commonwealth and shall not be fixed or established according to districts or zones.

## QUESTION NO. 6

A. Shall the pari-mutuel system of betting on licensed horse races be permitted in this county?

Yes	323	301	291	395	459	389	2158
No	808	937	998	808	513	835	4899
Blanks	128	90	97	95	147	98	655

B. Shall the pari-mutuel system of betting on licensed dog races be permitted in this county?

Yes	261	215	220	309	371	309	1685
No	840	995	1069	865	523	892	5184
Blanks	158	118	97	124	225	121	843

## QUESTION NO. 7

A. Shall licenses be granted in this city (or town) for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages (whisky, rum, gin, malt beverages, wines and all other alcoholic beverages)?

Yes	156	121	151	179	274	218	1099
No	992	1136	1146	1024	690	1009	5997
Blanks	111	71	89	95	155	95	616

	Precincts						Total
	2	1	3	4	5	6	
B. Shall licenses be granted in this city (or town) for the sale therein of wines and malt beverages (wines and beer, ale and all other malt beverages)? <b>Yes</b>	153	133	168	191	259	220	1124
<b>No</b>	959	1104	1114	986	666	975	5804
<b>Blanks</b>	147	91	104	121	194	127	784
C. Shall licenses be granted in this city (or town) for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages in packages, so called, not to be drunk on the premises? <b>Yes</b>	400	296	417	443	504	442	2502
<b>No</b>	780	987	925	785	494	808	4779
<b>Blanks</b>	79	45	44	70	121	72	431

## QUESTION NO. 8

(a) If a voter desires that this city (or town) shall declare by popular referendum that a shortage of rental housing accommodations exists which requires the continuance of federal rent control in this city (or town) after December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and fifty, and until the close of June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and fifty-one, in accordance with the provisions of the Housing and Rent Act of 1950, he will vote "YES" on said question. (b) If he desires that federal rent control shall cease to be in effect in this city (or town) at the close of December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and fifty, he will vote "NO" on said question. If a majority of the votes cast in any such city or town in answer to said question is in the affirmative, such city or town shall be deemed to have declared by popular referendum, pursuant to the Housing and Rent Act of 1950, that a shortage of rental accommodations exists which requires the continuance of federal rent control in such city or town after December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and fifty, and until the close of June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and fifty-one, in accordance with the provisions of said act. If a majority of the votes cast in any such city or town in answer to said question is not in the affirmative, such city or town shall be deemed not to have declared by popular referendum, pursuant to the Housing and Rent Act of 1950, that a shortage of rental accommodations exists which requires the continuance of federal rent control in such city or town after December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and fifty.

Shall a declaration be made by popular referendum, pursuant to the Housing and Rent Act of 1950, that a shortage of rental housing accommodations exists which requires the continuance of federal rent control in this city (or town) after December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and fifty and until the close of June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and fifty-one, in accordance with the provisions of said Act?

	646	588	646	648	536	673	3737
<b>Yes</b>	391	518	554	431	313	438	2645
<b>No</b>	222	222	186	219	270	211	1330
<b>Blanks</b>							



The ballots cast in the several precincts were returned to the Town Clerk in the sealed packages. The voting lists used at the entrances to the polling places and at the ballot boxes with the tally sheets and copy of the precinct record of elections were also returned, all properly sealed in conformity with the laws governing elections.

MARIAN S. PETERSON,  
*Town Clerk.*

Attest:

















